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A review of NYO indices reflected no additional information concerning either [redacted] who were mentioned in reairtel.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a Letterhead Memorandum concerning the visit of Freedom Riders sponsored by CORE from Washington, D.C. to the territory covered by the Tampa Division, during the period 6/16/61 to 6/17/61.

The confidential sources used in the enclosed memorandum are identified as follows:

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The Bureau will note that in addition to the above sources, the Tampa Division had alerted all of its sources in the racial field during the visit of the Freedom Riders.

In regard to the individuals mentioned in the enclosed memorandum, the following is being set forth for the information of the Bureau:

[redacted] is the subject of the pending case in the Tampa Division, Tampa File [redacted] He was formerly on the Security Index of the Springfield Division and it has been recently reported he [redacted] The Bureau advised by letter of 6/1/61, in the [redacted] case that further investigation of the tourist group was not necessary unless individuals participating in the tour had subversive backgrounds.

LEON COX, JR.

The May 7, 1961, issue of the "St. Petersburg Times" carried an article which identified LEON COX, JR. as the head of a fund drive for the St. Petersburg branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). COX was further identified as a science instructor at the Gibbs Junior College, St. Petersburg, Fla. The December 14, 1960, issue of the same newspaper identified COX as secretary of the Selective Buying Committee of the same NAACP branch.

REVEREND ENOCH D. DAVIS

The May 7, 1961, issue of the "St. Petersburg Times" carried an article which identified DAVIS as a member of the executive committee of the St. Petersburg branch of the NAACP.

[redacted] a former contact of the New Haven Division and who is residing in St. Petersburg, Florida, advised in August, 1960, that [redacted] the South Bethel Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, and was on the [redacted] St. Petersburg.

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The files of the Tampa Division do not contain anything identifiable with [redacted] although, it is noted on June 3, 1960, [redacted] American Legion, St. Petersburg, Fla., made available a special report of the American Legion Post #14, Americanism Committee covering the Institute of World Peace, sponsored by the Florida West Coast Central Association of Congregational Christian Churches and Ministers Social Activities Committee held at the Church by the Sea, Madeira Beach, Fla., May 22, 1960.

The report stated that [redacted] and during the above meeting reportedly circulated the magazine "U.S.S.R." and later retrieved them.

The Tampa Division also contains an eight page memorandum furnished by [redacted] St. Petersburg, Florida, on [redacted] documenting the activities of one [redacted] who had attended the peace meeting in St. Petersburg, [redacted] was listed as [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, and signer of an open letter to President ROOSEVELT asking him to set aside an Attorney General's Order of Deportation against HARRY BRIDGES. The document also stated that [redacted] had been on the

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International Board and Sponsor of The Peoples Institute of Applied Religion, which appeared on the Attorney General's list, and also one [redacted] name appeared on a statement defending the Communist Party which appeared in the "Daily Worker" issue of 3/5/41. One [redacted] was also listed as [redacted] Ohio Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born.

Reverend H. McDONALD NELSON

The May 7, 1961 issue of the "St. Petersburg Times" carried an article which identified NELSON as a member of the executive committee of the St. Petersburg branch of the NAACP. The same paper in its issue of March 3, 1960, carried an article which reported that three groups consisting of two Negroes each attempted to be served at lunch counters of three stores in St. Petersburg on March 2, 1960. One of the groups of two at the lunch counter at Maas Bros. was the Reverend Dr. H. M. NELSON, Pastor, Bethel AME Church.

ROBERT W. SAUNDERS

The February 10, 1961, issue of the "St. Petersburg Times" carried an article which identified ROBERT W. SAUNDERS as field secretary of the NAACP.

WILLIAM SMITH

The January 5, 1961, issue of the "St. Petersburg Times" carried an article which stated that Dr. WILLIAM A. SMITH of Gibbs Junior College, St. Petersburg, Florida, and Dr. CLARK BOUWMAN had arranged a panel talk on racial problems. It is believed that [redacted] referred to in the letterhead memorandum is possibly identical to [redacted]

Dr. RALPH WIMBISH

WIMBISH is the subject of an inactive file in the Tampa Division, Tampa File 157-138. This file consists of an article which appeared in the "St. Petersburg Times" on September 4, 1960, and concerned Mrs. CARRIE BETTY WIMBISH, wife of Dr. RALPH WIMBISH, and her unsuccessful election race for a post on the Pinellas County, Florida School Board. The article stated that about four years before a cross had been burned in front of the home of the WIMBISH's.

The May 7, 1961, issue of the "St. Petersburg Times" carried an article which identified Dr. RALPH M. WIMBISH as president of the St. Petersburg branch of the NAACP.

The following names were checked in the files of the Tampa Division and no references of any kind were noted:

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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On June 10, 1961, [redacted] Congress of Racial Equality, New York City, advised that two groups of "Freedom Riders" would leave Washington, D. C., June 13, 1961, via Greyhound Bus. Group One would consist of eighteen clergymen and would leave in the morning and make stops in Raleigh, Sumter, Jacksonville and Tallahassee, Florida, arriving in Tallahassee at 12:30 p.m., June 15, 1961.

According to [redacted] Group Two would consist of fourteen persons and would leave Washington, D. C., on two buses making stops at Wilmington, Charleston, Jacksonville, Tampa and St. Petersburg, Florida, terminating in the latter city at 12:45 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. on June 16, 1961.

On June 12, 1961, Lieutenant [redacted] Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., advised that [redacted] Washington, D. C., had informed him that the group of "Freedom Riders" destined for St. Petersburg, Florida, would leave at 7:45 a.m., June 13, 1961, at Washington, D. C., on a Greyhound Bus. They were scheduled to proceed to Wilmington, N. C., on Tuesday evening. At Wilmington, this group would split into two sections and proceed to Charleston, S. C., arriving June 14, 1961, in the evening. The groups would leave Charleston the next morning and arrive at Jacksonville, Florida, the same day. The groups would depart Jacksonville at 6:00 a.m. and at 7:30 a.m., June 16, 1961, arriving at St. Petersburg, Florida, at 12:45 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. the same day.

According to [redacted] one of the above groups would stop in Tampa, Florida, where two members would take an airplane for New York City.

[redacted] identified the following among those traveling to St. Petersburg in the "Union and Professional Group:" [redacted]

The "Tampa Tribune," a daily Tampa, Florida, newspaper, issue of June 13, 1961, carried a United Press release to the effect that the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) announced in Washington that two groups of "Freedom Riders" would leave Washington, D. C., for trips through North and South Carolina and Florida and would test racial segregation at bus stops between Tallahassee and

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St. Petersburg, Florida, including Tampa. The same issue of the above paper also carried a United Press dispatch quoting the Reverend E. C. TILLMAN of Daytona Beach, Florida, as stating on June 12, 1961, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) would send investigating teams of Negroes and whites touring Florida's major interstate travel terminals on the following Wednesday. The dispatch identified Reverend TILLMAN as chairman of the teams.

On June 13, 1961, Chief NEIL G. BROWN (NA), Tampa Police Department, was advised of the plans of the "Freedom Riders" and stated that a delegation from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and the Tampa Police Department made a survey of the facilities of the Greyhound Bus Terminal and the Trailways Terminal, Tampa. The delegation found the Greyhound facilities completely integrated and the restaurant facilities at the Trailways Terminal to be integrated. The restrooms of Trailways were marked for colored and white patrons although it was found that both races use either at will. Chief BROWN added that two plainclothesmen would be stationed in the area of the Greyhound Bus Terminal on June 16, 1961, and that uniformed men would be maintained in reserve at the Police Station nearby. The Chief added that facilities at the Tampa International Airport are completely integrated and he anticipated no problems there. Chief BROWN stated that he had contacted Television Station WTVT, Tampa, and had ascertained that no advance announcements of the schedules of the "Freedom Riders" would be made on television and that as in previous occurences of this type, he did not expect that the Tampa newspapers, the "Tampa Times" or the "Tampa Tribune" to make advance announcements of schedules of the "Freedom Riders."

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On June 13, 1961, Captain [redacted] St. Petersburg, Florida, Police Department, advised that he planned to have several plainclothesmen in and near the Greyhound Bus Terminal in St. Petersburg on June 16, 1961. He added that he would have additional manpower in a hotel across the street from the terminal building, to cover any emergency situations. Captain [redacted] stated that since all transportation facilities at St. Petersburg already were completely integrated he did not anticipate any problems there.

At 10:55 a.m., June 13, 1961, [redacted] CIC Agent, Tampa, was apprised of the plans of the "Freedom Riders."

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On June 16, 1961, Captain [redacted] advised detectives would be on duty at the Greyhound Bus Station when each of the "Freedom Riders" buses arrived and that arrangements had been made to have police photographers in the area in order that any one responsible for any disturbance could be photographed, or if there was indication a disturbance was about to erupt, persons present could be photographed. Captain [redacted] also advised the department's Riot Squad would be on standby at the Police Academy, until the departure of the "Freedom Riders."

Captain [redacted] also advised news photographers had indicated their willingness in assisting at the Bus Terminal by photographing any person who might instigate any disturbance or by his comments indicate a desire to do so.

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On June 15, 1961, Chief Deputy [redacted] Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, advised that a source of the Sheriff's Office had stated on June 14, 1961, that [redacted] also known as [redacted] was planning to lead a "group" composed of persons from Bradenton, Tampa and Sarasota, Florida, to St. Petersburg, Florida, on Thursday and Friday to intercept and cause trouble for the "Freedom Riders". According to the source, [redacted] a former member of the Ku Klux Klan, specific organization not identified, and currently belongs to [redacted] in Tampa, holding card number [redacted]

The above source stated also that there was no local support for [redacted] and all of the individuals who would be in the "group" would be from the cities mentioned. The source did not know if any weapons, clubs or other items would be in the possession of [redacted] group.

At 11:15 A.M., June 15, 1961, Captain [redacted] Detective Division, St. Petersburg, Police Department, was advised of the above.

On June 16, 1961, Confidential Source #1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he met [redacted] and that [redacted] had told him that no action was possible against the "Freedom Riders" since the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was riding on the buses. [redacted] told the source that anything that could be done against the "Freedom Riders" would have to be done on an individual basis.

Confidential Source #1 advised in [redacted] that [redacted] was a member of the Amalgamated Gun Club of Florida, Incorporated, and formerly had been a member of [redacted] Klavern, United States Ku Klux Klan, at Tampa, Florida, the predecessor of the Amalgamated

Gun Club of Florida, Incorporated. Confidential Source No. 1 advised that at a meeting of the Amalgamated Gun Club of Florida, Incorporated on December 14, 1959, it was stated that weapons were needed by the members, and that it might be necessary one day to fight the United States Army, the National Guard or other to preserve segregation in the south. Confidential Source No. 1 has advised that the Amalgamated Gun Club of Florida, Incorporated is now defunct.

On June 15, 1961, Confidential Source No. 2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at a meeting of the members of the United Klans, Knight of the Ku Klux Klans of America, Incorporated held in [redacted] the klansmen attending discussed action to be taken against the "Freedom Riders" who were due to arrive in Tampa on June 16, 1961. The members decided against any action because they believed that the police would be there waiting for them. b7D

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At 10:45 a.m., June 16, 1961, Chief NEIL BROWN (NA), Tampa Police Department, advised that the Florida Highway Patrol had reported that Section One of the Freedom Riders was at Bushnell, Florida, at 10:25 a.m. that day.

At 10:55 a.m., June 16, 1961, Sergeant [redacted] Florida Highway Patrol, advised that the Greyhound Bus enroute to St. Petersburg, Florida, contained three white males, two Negro males, one white female, and one Negro female. He identified one of the Negro males as [redacted] He added that the bus was followed by a Chevrolet with a North Carolina license and a Rambler with a 1961 Tennessee license 599, which contained photographers.

Sergeant [redacted] added that the second Greyhound Bus left Jacksonville, Florida, at 10:00 a.m. that date and it was one hour late. It was scheduled to stop in Gainesville for ten minutes and in Ocala, Florida, for thirty-five minutes enroute to Dade City, Florida, Tampa, Florida, and St. Petersburg, Florida.

Records of the Tennessee Motor Vehicle Bureau disclosed that 1961 Tennessee license 599 was issued to [redacted] Tennessee.

[redacted] "Nashville (Tennessee) Banner," disclosed that [redacted] is a photographer for the Associated Press, now working for the Associated Press, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Greyhound Bus Number 6234, bearing 1961 Florida license 68S 8961, was observed to arrive at Dade City, Florida, by Special Agents of the FBI at 10:52 a.m., June 16, 1961. At the Dade City stop, three ministers, two being Negroes and one white, alighted from the bus and attempted to enter the restrooms. However, the three returned to the bus when they noted that the restrooms were blocked off. Police officers from the Dade City Police Department were on duty at the bus stop. It was observed that the bus departed Dade City at 10:54 a.m. and that a 1959 Chevrolet, bearing 1961 North Carolina license AV 1059, followed behind the bus.

The above bus was observed to arrive at Zephyrhills, Florida, by Special Agents of the FBI at 11:09 a.m., June 16, 1961, and only the driver was observed to alight from the bus.

It was noted that the bus driver soon returned to the bus and it departed at 11:10 a.m. In addition to the above Chevrolet, a 1959 Rambler, bearing 1961 Tennessee license 599, and a patrol car of the Florida Highway Patrol were following the above bus.

Records of the Department of Motor Vehicles of North Carolina disclose that 1961 North Carolina license is issued to [redacted] North Carolina, [redacted] of the Associated Press.

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At approximately 12:07 P.M., June 16, 1961, Special Agents of the FBI observed Greyhound Bus #6234 arriving at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Tampa, Florida. It was observed that among the group that alighted from the bus was one group consisting of two white males, one Negro male, one Negro female and one white female. The three males thereafter engaged in an extensive conversation with members of the local press and interspersed this activity with a number of telephone calls made from telephone booths in the bus station waiting room.

It was observed that the two females above proceeded to the bus station lunch room where they seated themselves at the lunch counter and were served drinks. They thereafter walked to the bus station waiting room and boarded Greyhound Bus #6234 which departed the terminal at approximately 12:17 P.M.

The three males who alighted from the bus previously entered the bus station lunch room and were served at the counter at approximately 12:37 P.M. At 1:02 P.M., these three men were observed to leave the bus station and enter a city cab accompanied by a fourth man, described as a white male, age 45, 5'7", brown hair, wearing dark pants and light tan jacket and glasses.

On June 16, 1961, Confidential Source No. 3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had spoken to some passengers of Greyhound Bus #6234 when it arrived at Tampa, Florida that day. He stated that these passengers identified themselves as "Freedom Riders". He added that the three males in the group proceeded to the Tampa International Airport from the bus station and, according to the source, they were [redacted] The source added that the white male, who was wearing rimless glasses, was a reporter and rode the bus with the "Freedom Riders". He stated further that [redacted]

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of the group, as well as the white female and Negro female had continued on to St. Petersburg, Florida, on bus #6234.

The records of the reservations desk, Northeast Airlines, Tampa International Airport, disclosed that [redacted] had reservations on Flight #34 leaving Tampa at 4:45 P.M., June 16, 1961, for Idlewild Airport, New York City. It was observed by Special Agents of the FBI that while at the Tampa International Airport the three males entered the coffee shop and were served. The individual previously pointed out by Confidential Source No. 3 as [redacted] was observed to enter Bartkes Airport Restaurant and was served. The above three individuals departed as scheduled. b6 b7C b7D

On June 16, 1961, Lieutenant [redacted] Detective Division, St. Petersburg, Police Department, who was in charge of the detective detail at the Greyhound Bus Terminal at St. Petersburg, Florida, advised that the first group of "Freedom Riders" arrived at the station at 12:55 P.M., June 16, 1961. [redacted]

Confidential Source No. 4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the first group of "Freedom Riders" arriving in St. Petersburg were comprised of [redacted] at Columbia University, New York City; [redacted] the group from New York; [redacted] New York City; and [redacted] of New York.

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[redacted] "St. Petersburg Evening Independent," identified [redacted] United Auto Workers, New York City, and [redacted] as the two males [redacted] in the "Post House" Restaurant at the bus terminal.

Lieutenant [redacted] advised the four, met by local Negro leaders, were interviewed by press, radio and TV reporters at the bus terminal and remained in and around the terminal until about 1:22 p.m. [redacted] estimated between 75 and 100 persons, including passengers awaiting other buses were on hand. He stated there was no incident of violence or any contact with the group by anyone making any gesture or threat against them.

Lt. [redacted] advised on departure from the bus terminal the group was taken to the residence of [redacted] Fla [redacted] who is [redacted] of the St. Petersburg chapter, NAACP.

Captain [redacted] advised information had been received from [redacted] Attorney, and NAACP leader, June 16, 1961, that the group would attend a meeting at the Second Bethel Baptist Church, 16th Street at Fifth Avenue South, St. Petersburg, at 4:00 p.m., which would be followed by a covered dish supper at 6:00 p.m., to be followed at 8:00 p.m., by another public meeting.

Lt. [redacted] advised detectives, assigned to the first group, observed them at the [redacted] residence and then proceed to the Second Bethel Baptist Church for the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Confidential Source 4 advised on June 16, 1961, that the above-mentioned group met with St. Petersburg Negroes and white people at the Second Bethel Baptist Church, a Negro church, at 4:00 p.m. Approximately 25 persons were present. Among these were Reverend ENOCH DAVIS, Pastor, Reverend WILLIAM SMITH, and Dr. CLARK BOUWMAN. The meeting was a workshop type session and nothing very specific was decided. However, the "Freedom Riders urged the persons attending the meeting to follow up on the integration of the eating facilities at the Greyhound Bus Terminal in St. Petersburg and to continue to integrate eating facilities in downtown St. Petersburg.

[redacted] advised on June 16, 1961, at the workshop meeting at Second Bethel Baptist Church, Dr. CLARK BOUWMAN, member of the faculty, Florida Presbyterian College, St. Petersburg, was in attendance, and introduced himself to [redacted] According to [redacted] Dr. BOUWMAN made a few brief comments in the course of the workshop meeting but did not advocate anything.

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[redacted] was interviewed by the FBI on October 20, 1954, at which time he admitted past membership in the Communist Political Association in New York City and later being a member of the Communist Party, USA.

The Communist Political Association and the Communist Party, USA, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On September 9, 1960, in the Supreme Court of the United States, a brief was filed for Amici Curiae in the case, Communist Party of United States, petitioner, vs. Subversive Activities Control Board, respondent. An examination of the brief reveals that in Appendix A there is set out the names and address by city and state of these Amici Curiae. The name, [redacted] Florida, is one of those listed.

"St. Petersburg Times," May 30, 1961, carried an article which identified Dr. CLARK BOUWMAN as an Associate Professor, Florida Presbyterian College, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Lt. [redacted] advised the group left this meeting and proceeded to the Greyhound Bus Terminal, St. Petersburg, to meet the second group of "Freedom Riders."

Lt. [redacted] Fla. related that while the first group, in the company of [redacted] St. Petersburg, was at the bus terminal, [redacted] FBI Number [redacted] of St. Petersburg, approached the Fla group and was making comments Lt. [redacted] believed would lead to trouble [redacted] was asked to leave by Lt [redacted] who suggested any ideas which [redacted] had were best kept to himself. [redacted] walked away from the group but almost immediately returned and according to Lt [redacted] addressed [redacted] as a "nigger," at which time he was placed under arrest by Sergeant [redacted] Detective Division, and booked at the St. Petersburg Police Department on a charge of being a Disorderly Person.

Papers in [redacted] possession at the time of arrest disclosed he had been confined to [redacted] Florida, and released, [redacted] January 28, 1961. He had apparently been confined September 20, 1960.

Lieutenant [redacted] Florida Highway Patrol, advised that second section "Freedom Riders" arrived Dade City, Florida, 2:32 p.m., and departed 2:37 p.m., June 16, 1961, with no one alighting, except the driver. New passengers got on bus at this point. The bus arrived Zephyrhills, Florida, at 2:54 p.m. and

departed at 2:57 p.m. A 1961 Ford, Georgia license 1J55035, registered to [redacted] Associated Press newsman, who had been following bus, was stopped for speeding before arriving Zephyrhills. Lieutenant [redacted] stated that estimated time of arrival at Tampa was 3:30 p.m.

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At 3:17 p.m., June 16, 1961, Lt. [redacted] Florida Highway Patrol, advised that concerning the "Freedom Riders" Greyhound bus arriving in Tampa in a short while, that three Negro males and a white male were arrested while the bus was at Ocala, Florida, by the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

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On June 16, 1961, it was observed by Special Agents of the FBI that at approximately 3:43 p.m., Greyhound Bus #M5961 arrived at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Tampa, Florida. Debarking passengers who appeared to be in the group included one Negro male, one white female, and one Negro female. It was observed that the Negro female and the white female proceeded to the bus station lunch room, sat at the counter and were served food and drink. It was observed that another white female seated herself near these women and was observed taking notes of her observations in the bus station and lunch room proper. This latter individual engaged in brief conversation with the arriving passengers.

It was observed that during the time the group above was in the bus station [redacted] was positioned at the public address system and the Negro male who arrived with the above group went to the ticket window. The above group was observed to board Greyhound Bus #3358 which, upon announcement, departed for St. Petersburg, Florida, at approximately 4:30 p.m. It was observed that the white female who had conversed with the passengers left the terminal on foot and proceeded to the vicinity of Cass and Franklin Streets, Tampa, Florida.

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At approximately 4:20 p.m., June 16, 1961, a person who did not identify himself contacted the Tampa Office of the FBI by telephone and stated that he wanted an incident investigated by the FBI. This person added that the incident occurred about an hour or an hour and a half before in Ocala, Florida, and he wanted to know whether something could be done about the incident. This caller was told that further facts would be needed. Thereafter, the caller identified himself as [redacted] one of the "Freedom Riders" who had traveled to Ocala and arrived there between 12:25 and 1:05 p.m. that day. He stated that a group of the "Freedom

Riders" had begun to go into the lunch room of the Greyhound Bus station in Ocala, at which time a group of local citizens approached them.

At this point six or seven plainclothesmen interjected themselves and advised that they were plainclothesmen and placed [redacted] of the "Freedom Riders" under arrest. [redacted] added that a fourth member of the group [redacted] had not been molested nor arrested. [redacted] added that the men who identified themselves as plainclothesmen did not show any identification nor were they asked to show any. He added that he had observed the incident, but he had to leave on the bus for Tampa, Florida, and did not observe anything which occurred thereafter.

[redacted] then said that his bus was leaving for St. Petersburg, Florida, momentarily, and that he planned to stay in St. Petersburg a few hours and then to proceed to Tampa Airport for flight to New York at 12:55 A.M., June 17, 1961. He explained that a group of about 10 persons would be on this flight. [redacted] then explained that his bus was leaving and he terminated the call.

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Lt. [redacted] St. Petersburg Police Department, advised June 16, 1961, that the second group of "Freedom Riders" arrived at the Greyhound Bus Terminal at 5:14 p.m., and that there were three in the group.

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Confidential Source 4 advised that this group was composed of the following: [redacted] United Auto Workers Local [redacted] New Jersey; [redacted] New York City; and [redacted] New York City. NY

Lt [redacted] advised there was a group of about thirty persons, including press representatives, on hand at the time of arrival. Lt. [redacted] advised the entire group entered the waiting room of the terminal, all but one entered the "Post House" Restaurant, and were served at tables and at the counter. He advised shortly thereafter they departed in private cars and proceeded to the Bethel Baptist Church, 16th Street South and Fifth Avenue.

Lt. [redacted] advised a covered dish supper was held at the church, in the basement hall, at 6:00 p.m., after which the "Freedom Riders" were taken to private homes to "freshen up" and returned to the church where an open meeting was held, commencing at about 8:30 p.m.

Confidential Source 4 advised on June 16, 1961, that Group 1 and 2 of the "Freedom Riders" would attend a public meeting at 8:00 p.m., that night, at the Second Bethel Baptist Church, St. Petersburg. The meeting would be under the direction of [redacted] Fla [redacted] Dinner was to be served.

Sergeant [redacted] St. Petersburg Police Department, who was in attendance at the above meeting, advised it was addressed by [redacted] who discussed the training the "Freedom Riders" had undergone and the gains which could be made through passive resistance to any movement against them if arrest were threatened, or any action threatened by any group. There was also comment that St. Petersburg was the first of the cities visited in which the group had seen a Negro policeman on duty.

Lt. [redacted] advised that except for the arrest of [redacted] at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, there was no disturbance, or threat of disturbance at the terminal or at any subsequent meeting.

Lt. [redacted] and Sgt. [redacted] advised the meeting at the Second Bethel Baptist Church was attended by a mixed group of white and Negro, with about fifty in attendance, twenty of whom were white.

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The meeting broke up at about 9:45 p.m. and after some discussion on the street in front of the church, the seven "Freedom Riders" left St. Petersburg in two private cars with a requested escort being furnished by the Police Department. The group was escorted to Tampa, Florida, where they were planning to depart via airplane.

Lt. [redacted] advised on June 17, 1961, [redacted] on that date appeared in City Court, St. Petersburg, and on a plea of guilty to [redacted] was sentenced to [redacted] days of which were suspended by Judge H. C. PETERSON.

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At 5:55 P.M., June 16, 1961, Chief NEIL BROWN (NA), Tampa, Police Department, advised that the Daytona group of the "Freedom Riders" was due to arrive at Tampa, Florida at 6:40 P.M. that day and that he anticipated no trouble in this connection.

On June 16, 1961, Special Agents of the FBI observed Greyhound Bus #5644 to arrive at 6:49 P.M. at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Tampa, Florida. A group of debarking passengers from the above bus included two Negro males, two Negro females and one white female. They proceeded to the ticket window of the terminal and inquired concerning the next bus to Daytona, Florida. The next bus for Daytona was scheduled to leave at 6:00 A.M. the following day. A member of this group was heard to say "Let's call BOB", and thereafter, a member of the group used the pay telephone in the waiting room. It was observed that the group remained in the station for about seven minutes when the group was joined by a white male. This individual remained with the group until an individual recognized as [redacted] joined them. Thereafter the passengers and [redacted] entered a late model Plymouth station wagon, bearing 1961 Florida license [redacted] The group then proceeded to the residence of [redacted] Tampa, Florida.

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On June 19, 1961 [redacted] Florida Highway Patrol, advised that Greyhound Bus M5513 containing the remainder of the "Freedom Riders" group had arrived at Brooksville, Florida, at 8:20 P.M., and had departed at 8:23 P.M.

At Brooksville, no passengers alighted from the bus.

At approximately 9:33 P.M., Greyhound Bus #M5513 was observed to arrive at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Tampa, Florida, by Special Agents of the FBI. It was observed

that a group of passengers, which included three Negro males and one white male, alighted from the bus and proceeded to the pay telephones in the station. Thereafter, the group entered the lunch room at the bus station, seated themselves at a table and were served food and drink. It was observed that at 10:41 P.M. the group was joined by two white males and two Negro males and after conversing for a short time, the entire group entered a 1961 Rambler, bearing 1961 Florida IE 1985 and a 1959 Ford convertible with a green top and light body, bearing 1961 Louisiana License 763154. The two vehicles with their passengers then proceeded directly to Tampa International Airport where they entered the passenger terminal.

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The records of the Hertz, Incorporated, Tampa International Airport, were checked on June 16, 1961, and it was disclosed that the Rambler above had been rented in Tampa at 3:19 P.M. that day by [redacted] of Altamont, New York, who had New York Drivers License [redacted] Credit Card [redacted] and paid for the rental by check, drawn on the [redacted] Albany, New York.

On June 16, 1961, [redacted] Reservations Office, Eastern Airlines, Tampa, Florida, advised that [redacted] South Bethel Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida, telephone [redacted] had made reservations for 14 persons on Eastern Airlines Flight 690 leaving Tampa International Airport at 12:55 A.M. on June 17, 1961, for New York City. The flight was scheduled to arrive at the Idlewild Airport at 7:15 A.M., New York time, with stops enroute at Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Maryland. The following were listed as holding reservations:

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[redacted] stated the following had reservations with the above group, but had been cancelled:

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On June 17, 1961, it was observed that 11 individuals composed of whites and Negroes were observed at Tampa International Airport speaking with members of the press. This group of 11 individuals departed at 12:57 A.M. that day on Eastern Airlines Flight 690.

On June 16, 1961, at 9:21 P.M., [redacted] CIC, Tampa, Florida, was advised of the activities of the "Freedom Riders" in Tampa, Florida, and details concerning their anticipated flight to New York City on June 17, 1961.

On June 17, 1961, Confidential Source No. 3 advised that he had learned from [redacted] the leader of the Daytona group, that [redacted] was pleased with the reception of the group in Tampa, Florida, and that no incidents occurred during their stay in Tampa. Confidential Source added that since there had been no bus departing for Daytona Beach during the night



of June 16, the group remained in Tampa, Florida only a few hours, held no meetings, and returned to Daytona Beach, Florida during the night of June 16, 1961, in personal automobiles.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(157-373)~~

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-391)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS
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Retel identified [redacted] as a "Freedom Rider", arriving New Orleans 10:45 pm on 6/23/61, via Delta Airlines Flight #91 from NY.

On 6/26/61, [redacted] Reservations Dept., Delta Airlines, NYC, advised records indicate that one [redacted] not further identified departed NY for New Orleans via Delta Airlines Flight #91 on 6/23/61. [redacted] stated the records indicate that [redacted] advised he could be contactdd at telephone number CO 7-0038. It is noted that telephone number CO 7-0038 is listed to the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), 38 Park Row, NYC.

NYO files indicate that one [redacted] who was born in [redacted] and in October, 1953 resided at [redacted] NYC, is the subject of NY file [redacted] The most recent information concerning this individual is dated in 1953 and there is no information available which would identify him with [redacted] mentioned in retel.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(100-225892)~~

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-79303)

SUBJECT: CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
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On 6/26/61 [redacted] Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), 38 Park Row, NYC, advised SA [redacted] that she knows of no plan by CORE, NYC, to arrange for a "march" in Washington, DC, on 7/4/61.

[redacted] stated that she had spoken to JULIUS W. HOBSON, President, Washington Chapter, CORE, a short time ago concerning possible picketing by CORE of the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) Building in Washington, D.C., on 7/4/61.

[redacted] stated further that no definite arrangements have been made by CORE to picket the ICC Building in Washington, DC, and even if the ICC Building, Washington, DC, were picketed on 7/4/61, the picketing in all probability would be done by CORE members from the Washington, D.C., area.

[redacted] stated that to her knowledge, no member of CORE from NYC planned to participate in any demonstration in Washington, D.C, but should she hear of any further information in this regard, she would immediately contact the NYO.

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URGENT 6-27-61 11-23 PM CST TJB

TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-264 2-P FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC.

FREEBUS, RM. REMYTEL JUNE TWENTYSIX LAST RE MEETING OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS PROMOTING FREEDOM RIDES AT JACKSON, [redacted] JACKSON DAILY NEWS, FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION RE THREE AND ON HALF HOUR MEETING HELD AFTERNOON, JUNE TWENTYSEVEN. PRESENT WERE [redacted] FIELD SERVICE, CORE, NEW YORK CITY, REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP, [redacted] STUDENT NON VIOLENCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE, ATLANNTA, [redacted] SNVCC, NASHVILLE, [redacted] SNVCC, MEMPHIS, REV. REV. BERNARD LEE, SCLC, ATLANTA, [redacted] CORE, NEW ORLEANS, JAMES BEVEL, SNVCC, NASHVILLE, REV. RALPH ABERNATHY, MONTGOMERY IMPROVEMENT ASSN. [redacted] AND KING WERE SPOKESMEN FOR GROUP. THIS WAS REPORTED TO BE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF FREEDOM RIDES COORDINATING COMMITTEE. NO THOUGHT OF DISCONTINUING FREEDOM RIDES. FREEDOM RIDERS WILL KEEP COMING TO JACKSON AND QUOTE OTHER PLACES UNQUOTE, NOT NAMED. THEY CLAIMED MORAL PRESSURES BEARING HEAVILY UPON PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI AND WILL MAINTAIN MORAL AND LEGAL PRESSURES IN JACKSON.

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SA [redacted] furnished BG photo [redacted] 10:30 pm 6/27/61

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CALIM TO HAVE BOND MONEY AVAILABLE FOR ANY FREEDOM RIDERS PRISONERS WANTING IT. INDICATED COMMITTEE HAS NO CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS, DID NOT STATE WHEN NEXT FREEDOM RIDE DUE IN JACKSON. [redacted] ASSOCIATED PRESS, JACKSON, ADVISED THAT [redacted] FREEDOM RIDER, ARRESTED JUNE TWENTYONE AND RELEASED ON BOND, JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, PRESENT AT PRESS CONFERENCE OF GROUP [redacted] ALLEGED THAT WHEN HE WAS CHECKED OUT OF HINDS COUNTY JAIL, JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYONE, HE WAS MISSING DIAMOND RING VALUED AT TWO HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS IN CASH WHICH INCLUDED SOME MONEY OF HIS WIFE, [redacted] FREEDOM RIDER, ARRESTED WITH HIM AND ALSO RELEASED ON BOND SAME DATE. [redacted] STATES SHERIFF J. ROBERT GILFOY ADVISED HE WILL MAKE IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION RE [redacted] COMPLAINT. ABOVE FOR INFO BUREAU. COPIES AIR MAIL TO NEW YORK, MEMPHIS, ATLANTA AND MOBILE.

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REBUTEL TODAY. SGT. [redacted] DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, MIAMI, STATED TODAY NO INFO DEVELOPED RE BUS WITH FREEDOM RIDERS. MISC. BELIEVES REPORT TO BE FALSE. [redacted] [redacted] OF CORE, MIAMI, ADVISED LOCAL NEWSPAPERS HE HAD NO INFO THAT FREEDOM RIDERS WERE EN ROUTE MIAMI AND IF THEY WERE COMING IT WOULD NOT BE TO TEST BUS STATIONS. LETTERHEAD FOLLOWS.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 26, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FREEBUS FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC

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Twenty freedom riders proceeded from New Orleans to Jackson, Mississippi, by train on 6/25/61 and were arrested when they entered the white waiting room at the Jackson railroad depot and failed to comply with orders from the police that they move on. Trial has been tentatively set for 6/26/61.

One of those arrested was [redacted] Miss. La. Pa. who gave a Philadelphia address. On 6/20/61 [redacted] a member of the youth group of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CP, EPD) reportedly stated that [redacted] Pa. a member of the district committee CP, EPD was on a trip with the freedom riders.

One hundred sixty-four freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson since 5/24/61. Fifty-two have been released on bond, four have been released after paying fines and 108 remain in custody.

[redacted] Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Jackson, advised on 6/24/61 that he was mailing a letter to the Resident Agent at Jackson with a copy for the Hinds County Sheriff alleging that freedom riders in custody at Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, are being subjected to cruel and inhuman punishment by being placed in the maximum security section of the penitentiary. Copies of [redacted] letter will be furnished to the Department immediately upon receipt.

[redacted] Fla. Tenn. Nashville Christian Leadership Council, advised on 6/25/61 that the local press in Montgomery, Alabama, carried an article on 6/25/61 stating that Allen Cason, Jr., was arrested by local authorities at Donaldsonville, Georgia, for being drunk in public and was given a one-year sentence. The article also stated that Cason had been put off an L and N train at Donaldsonville by the conductor. Miss.

[redacted] was arrested as a freedom rider at Jackson, Mississippi, and has been released on bond. [redacted] stated that he left Nashville 6/21/61 to return to his home at Orlando, Florida, and she assumes his arrest occurred

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on 6/22/61. [redacted] said she believes the sentence of one year was excessive, although [redacted] reportedly pleaded guilty, and the extreme sentence possibly was imposed because [redacted] had been a freedom rider.

The press has reported that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has filed suit in U. S. District Court, Tallahassee to force integration at the Tallahassee airport restaurant. The suit reportedly was filed by mail on 6/23/61 by [redacted] Miami attorney, and lies unopened in the office of the Clerk, U. S. District Court. The Clerk is on vacation.

The suit is reportedly being filed on behalf of [redacted] both of Tallahassee, Fla, and [redacted] of Miami, Fla, all of whom are Negroes. The court is asked to enjoin city officials and the restaurant concessionaire from making any distinction based on color at the airport restaurant. The suit reportedly also seeks an injunction against further arresting or harassing of the plaintiffs or the class they represent. The Deputy Clerk of Court has advised that the package containing the papers to be filed in this connection will be opened 6/26/61.

ACTION:

A memorandum is being prepared for the Attorney General.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 27, 1961

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (157-68)

SUBJECT: CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
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Re Bureau radiograms all field divisions dated 6/21/61, and 6/22/61.

No demonstrations of CORE noted at Detroit Division on June 24, 1961. Local authorities and racial informants have been alerted and the Bureau will be immediately advised of any information received indicating that a CORE demonstration will be held in Detroit Division on July 4, 1961.

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157--90

CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY, RM. RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE JUNE TWENTY-EIGHT LAST. TODAY [redacted] CORE CHAPTER, NEW ORLEANS, ADVISED PICKETING JULY FOURTH NEXT WILL BE IN FRONT OF THE MASONIC TEMPLE, ST. CHARLES AVENUE, NEW ORLEANS, BECAUSE IT HOUSES THE OFFICES OF THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION ON THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH FLOORS AND THIS IS THE ONLY LOCATION WHICH WILL BE PICKETED. THE MASONIC TEMPLE ALSO HOUSES THE OFFICE OF THE FBI, NEW ORLEANS, ON THE TENTH FLOOR. [redacted] STILL DOES NOT KNOW THE NUMBER OF PICKETS OR MARCHERS INVLOVED. [redacted] ORIGINALLY CONFUSED THE ICC WITH THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RR. AND NOW STATES OFFICES OF ILLINOIS CENTRAL RR WILL NOT BE PICKETTED.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-11329)

SUBJECT: CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED AT
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Enclosed is the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to above caption.

The source utilized is [redacted]

The files of the Chicago Office contain insufficient information to subversively characterize the organization core.

Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed and this source must be concealed.

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DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED AT
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The source advised on June 26, 1961, that the Chicago Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) held a demonstration at the Trailways Bus Terminal, 20 East Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday, June 24, 1961. The demonstration started at approximately 1:55 p.m. and was discontinued shortly after 4 p.m. Twelve persons participated in this demonstration which consisted of two Negroes and ten white persons. These individuals carried picket signs with slogans protesting segregation of transportation facilities. There were no incidents and the demonstration was peaceful.

G-2, Chicago, was advised of the above information on June 26, 1961.

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Title **CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED AT FEDERAL BUILDINGS**

Character **RACIAL MATTERS**

Reference **is made to the letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above at Chicago, Illinois.**

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

The source utilized in referenced memorandum is

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(95-97032)~~ DATE: 6/24/61

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-96)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS - Misc.
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ReMOtels to Bureau 6/20/61 and 6/21/61.

Enclosed herewith is a letterhead memorandum concerning the arrival of nine Freedom Riders at Montgomery, Ala. by Greyhound Bus from Atlanta, Ga. on 6/20/61 and the departure of nine Freedom Riders from Montgomery, Ala. to Jackson, Miss. on 6/21/61 by Trailways Bus.

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FREEDOM RIDERS
RACIAL MATTERS

At 5:01 P.M., June 20, 1961, Greyhound Bus Number M5356 arrived at the Greyhound Bus Station in Montgomery, Alabama bearing nine Freedom Riders, who are identified as follows:

[redacted]

A group estimated at between 60 and 80 white persons, consisting of teen-agers; adults; both male and female, was gathered in the vicinity of the bus station; were from the street in front of the station and across the street from the station; prior to the arrival of the bus. Upon arrival of the bus, a number of Montgomery Police Officer, both in uniform and plain clothes, estimated at about 50 in strength, broke up any groups of persons gathered in or in the immediate vicinity of the bus station, and kept any groups from gathering near the Freedom Riders.

Just Prior to the arrival of the bus bearing the Freedom Riders, two anonymous telephone calls to the Greyhound Bus Station advised that a bomb was planted in the station, and another anonymous call stating that a bomb was planted in the station was received about 5:17 P.M. On each occasion, police cleared the bus station interior and conducted a search without finding a bomb.

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The Freedom Riders did not enter the interior of the bus station.

No incidents of violence occurred at the bus station on this date.

The Freedom Riders were driven away from the bus station by Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY in one vehicle and an unidentified Negro Male in another vehicle. One of the Freedom Riders advised Montgomery Advertiser [redacted] that they intended to spend the night at the home of Reverend ABERNATHY. b6 b7C b7D

On June 21, 1961, [redacted] advised that the Freedom Riders were going to proceed by Trailways Bus at 11:30 A.M. to Jackson, Mississippi and plan to test the facilities at the bus stations in Montgomery and in Jackson. He advised that [redacted] was returning by plane to Atlanta, and his place in the group of Freedom Riders departing Montgomery for Jackson, Mississippi was being taken by [redacted] a Negro Male. As this group of Freedom Riders was boarding a Trailways Bus at the Trailways Bus Station at approximately 11:20 A.M., on June 21, 1961, a firecracker exploded near or under another bus about 30 yards from the bus which the Freedom Riders were boarding. There was no damage or injury to anyone. The some six to eight officers of the Montgomery Police Department who were present at the bus station conducted an immediate investigation, but they were unable to identify the person who set off this firecracker.

Trailways Bus Number T-2953, which carried the Freedom Riders from Montgomery, departed the Trailways Bus Station at 11:32 A.M. on June 21, 1961. Prior to boarding the bus on June 21, 1961, the nine Freedom Riders took seats at the lunch counter in the Trailways Bus Station. The lunch counter manager required each of them to exhibit their bus tickets to prove that they were interstate passengers and had a Negro waiter serve them. They did not appear to be more than two or three persons in the bus station or immediate vicinity other than the Freedom Riders and other bus passengers or employees of the bus company.

Other than the exploding firecracker, there were no incidents of any kind at the bus station on this occasion.

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The Attorney General June 30, 1961

Director, FBI

FREEDOM RIDE 1961 - RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS
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Since May 24, 1961, one hundred sixty-four freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi. Sixty-one have been released on bond, four have been released upon the payment of fines and one has been released without the filing of charges. Ninety-eight remain in custody.

It has previously been reported that [redacted], female freedom rider, was arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on June 10, 1961, and that she had previously visited Cuba as a member of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. She is presently incarcerated at the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi.

On June 21, 1961, the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol prepared a press release indicating that [redacted] admitted traveling to Cuba in February, 1961, with a group of students. The stated purpose of the trip was to hear lectures by Castro and other Cuban officials concerning Cuba's friendly intentions toward the U. S. and other nations. The press release alleged that this was a ruse and that the actual purpose of the trip was to attend a seminar conducted by nine officials of the Soviet Union. [redacted] allegedly admitted that her group had been addressed by officials of the Soviet Union as well as Castro. According to the press release when [redacted] was asked if she had talked with "John Doe, a known communist," she refused to answer on the grounds that "the FBI might intimidate him."

In addition to the foregoing press release, we were advised that the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol intended to verbally advise the press that the seminar in Cuba dealt with instructions concerning the techniques of sit-ins, wade-ins and freedom rides. This information was allegedly furnished to the Mississippi Highway Patrol by an unidentified investigative agency in Florida.

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[redacted] allegedly told the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol that she had been arrested more than one hundred times for picketing. Her record in the Identification Division of the FBI has only the arrest at Jackson, Mississippi, on June 10, 1961.

[redacted] Student Central Committee, Nashville, Tennessee, advised on June 29, 1961, that the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in Chicago is attempting to organize a small group of freedom riders who will proceed from Nashville to Jackson, Mississippi. [redacted] anticipated that there will only be three or four in the group.

Information has been received indicating that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Tennessee is planning demonstrations for July 4, 1961. The plans are not yet definite but they are said to involve the testing of facilities at state parks, particularly in the areas of Knoxville and Oak Ridge. The NAACP at Nashville also reportedly plans to test the facilities in the Nashville city park including the swimming pool.

A source who is familiar with NAACP activities at Nashville, Tennessee, advised that he has heard discussions to the effect that NAACP will sponsor a group of Negroes who will make bus trips from Mississippi into neighboring states to test various facilities. New Orleans was believed to be a principal target of this activity. No further details were available.

There have been various rumors to the effect that racial demonstrations are planned along the Mississippi Gulf Coast on July 4, 1961, or during the weekend preceding July 4, 1961. There has been no corroboration of these rumors and both NAACP and CORE sources in Mississippi have denied any knowledge of such plans.

[redacted] New Orleans Chapter, CORE, advised on June 29, 1961, that the demonstration in New Orleans on July 4, 1961, will be limited to picketing in front of the Masonic Temple which houses the office of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is also noted that the FBI office is in the same building.

The Attorney General

This matter is continuing to receive close attention and full coverage. Additional pertinent developments will be brought to the attention of the Department on a current basis.

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FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

Following articles appeared in 6-23-61 issue of "St. Louis Argus," a weekly Negro Newspaper:

Article captioned "Dr. Johnson Behind King" reflects Dr. MORDECAI W. JOHNSON, president emeritus of Howard University, in an "impassioned" address Wednesday night (6-21-61) before the convention of the Sunday school auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, stated that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING "was doing more than any man alive" to make white and Negro churches realize their Christian responsibility. He stated it was his "fervent hope" that there would be many more followers of the Freedom Riders in the months to come. He called for the unification of the "great liberals" of both the Republican and Democratic Parties as a moving force to eradicate the evils of our democracy.

Article captioned "Alabama Leader Supports Crusade" by William Clarke, Special Correspondent, reflects Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, vice president-at-large of "National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress," stated on Wednesday (6-21-61) that he had nothing to say about a rumor circulating among convention delegates thereof that attempts by dissenting factions were being made to weaken his position in the Congress. Dr. KING who was attending the convention in St. Louis stated the Freedom Riders had done three things:

"1 - They have educational value. They have pointed up indignities which Negroes have faced in the past.

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"2--Some signs have actually been removed from bus terminals in the South; and this has come about by the efforts of the Freedom Riders.

"3--The Attorney General has petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission to come out with a strong, forthright ruling concerning segregation and interstate travel.'

"While (the methods of) the Freedom Riders might not change the hearts of (segregationists), they are certainly changing their habits,' the minister added."

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, SACS BIRMINGHAM, KNOXVILLE,
LITTLE ROCK, MOBILE AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /157-NEW/ FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS

NAACP DEMONSTRATIONS JULY FOUR, SIXTY ONE, RACIAL MATTER.
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, WHO IS CONNECTED
WITH NAACP, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT NAACP IS PLANNING A
DEMONSTRATION JULY FOUR NEXT BUT PLANS NOT YET DEFINITE.
PRIMARILY, THE PLANS CALL FOR DEMONSTRATIONS IN STATE
PARKS IN TENNESSEE TO TEST FACILITIES TO DETERMINE IF
INTEGRATED, THESE PARKS PRIMARILY LOCATED IN KNOXVILLE
AND OAK RIDGE. GOVERNOR IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED
OF THESE PLANS BY NAACP. NASHVILLE BRANCH NAACP PLANS
TO TEST FACILITIES IN CITY PARK, NASHVILLE, WHICH
FACILITIES INCLUDE SWIMMING POOL NOT AT THIS TIME REC-7
INTEGRATED. LOCAL OFFICIALS SUPPOSED TO BE NOTIFIED REC-7 157-387-124
PRIOR TO DEMONSTRATION. STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES, EX-116
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, HAVE NOT BEEN APPRISED OF PLANS 12 JUN 30 1961
BY NAACP. SOURCE STATES THERE IS NO PLAN KNOWN TO HIM
TO SEND TWO THOUSAND FREEDOM RIDERS TO MISSISSIPPI, BUT
THAT THERE IS TALK OF A GROUP OF NEGROES WHO ARE TO BE

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SPONSORED BY NAACP FROM MISSISSIPPI RIDING BUSES FROM MISSISSIPPI INTO NEIGHBORING STATES TO TEST FACILITIES IN THOSE STATES. NEW ORLEANS IS BELIEVED TO BE PRINCIPAL TARGET OF THESE RIDERS. KNOXVILLE CONTACT SOURCES WITHIN NAACP IN KNOXVILLE AND OAK RIDGE AREA TO ASCERTAIN PLANS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS. NEW ORLEANS CONTACT SOURCES WITHIN NAACP IN MISSISSIPPI TO DETERMINE IF PLANS BEING MADE FOR FREEDOM RIDERS TO GO OUT OF THE STATE. MEMPHIS IS CONTACTING SOURCES WITHIN NAACP FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. [redacted] STUDENT CENTRAL COMMITTEE, NASHVILLE, ADVISES THAT STATEMENT THAT TWO THOUSAND FREEDOM RIDERS WERE GOING TO MISSISSIPPI MUST HAVE COME FROM NAACP. STATES THAT CORE IN CHICAGO IS ATTEMPTING TO GET GROUP TOGETHER TO RIDE FROM NASHVILLE TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. HOWEVER, THERE WILL ONLY BE THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE IN THIS GROUP SO FAR AS IS NOW KNOWN. THIS WILL BE REPORTED IN DETAIL WHEN GROUP ARRIVES NASHVILLE. LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM RELATING TO SUBJECT DEMONSTRATIONS FOLLOWS.

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FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157--310 5P

FREEBUS. RE PHONE CALL JACKSON RA TO BUREAU, JUNE TWENTY.

FOLLOWING FOURTEEN FR ARRESTED TEN FOURTEEN AM, JUNE TWENTY, ICRR STATION, JACKSON, MISS., ALL ENTERED WHITE WAITING ROOM AS GROUP AND FAILED TO MOVE ON WHEN ORDERED BY PD. AEL CHARGED BREACH OF THE PEACE. NO INCIDENTS AT ARREST. [redacted] CALIF., [redacted] BORN, [redacted] TEN, [redacted] LOS ANGELES, [redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR, STUDENT, SCHOOL NOT IDENTIFIED, ADMITS DEMONSTRATIONS FREEDOM MARCH DEMOCRATIC CONVENTON, LA, NO DATE. [redacted] BERKELEY [redacted] ME., [redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR, STUDENT, SCHOOL NOT IDENTIFIED. [redacted] CALIF., [redacted] MALE, [redacted] PA., [redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR, PROBABLY STUDENT, ALAMEDA STATE, REFUSED TO ANSWER IF MEMBER CP. [redacted]

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[redacted] BERKELEY, [redacted] MINN., [redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR, STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF CALIF., REFUSED TO ANSWER AS TO WHETHER MEMBER CP. [redacted] PA., [redacted] BORN [redacted] PA., [redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR, STUDENT, YOUNGSTOWN UNIVERSITY, OHIO, ADMITS PRIOR ARRESTED BUT REFUSES TO GIVE CHARGE OR LOCATION, REFUSES TO SAY WHETHER MEMBER CP. [redacted] BERKELEY, [redacted] BORN [redacted] KANS, [redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR, OCCUPATION [redacted] ADMITS ARREST [redacted] IS MEMBER [redacted] COMMITTEE, BAY AREA, CORE. [redacted] BERKELEY, [redacted] IOWA, [redacted] EYES,

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[redacted] HAIR, [redacted] OCCUPATION [redacted]
[redacted] ARRESTED NYC, [redacted] INVESTIGATION AND
RELEASED. [redacted]
BERKELEY, [redacted] BORN [redacted] N. J.,
[redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR,
STUDENT, SCHOOL NOT IDENTIFIED, REFUSED TO STATE WHETHER MEMBER
CP. [redacted]
[redacted] N. C. J [redacted] BORN [redacted] DURHAM, [redacted]
[redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR,
STUDENT, SCHOOL NOT IDENTIFIED. [redacted]
[redacted] BERKELEY, [redacted]
BALTIMORE, MD, [redacted] EYES,
[redacted] HAIR, STUDENT, SCHOOL NOT IDENTIFIED, REFUSED TO STATE
WHETHER MEMBER CP.5 [redacted]
[redacted] BERKELEY, [redacted]
[redacted] MICH., [redacted]
[redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR, [redacted] PRESENTLY
UNEMPLOYED, REFUSED TO ANSWER AS TO WHETHER MEMBER CP, ARRESTED
PD-S MIAMI, FLA. AND ANN ARBOR, MICH., NO DATES, RACIAL DEMON-
STRATIONS. [redacted]
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CALIF, [redacted] CALIF,

[redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR, [redacted]

REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER MEMBER OF CP. [redacted]

[redacted] BERKELEY, [redacted]

[redacted] LA., [redacted]

[redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR, STUDENT, SCHOOL NOT IDENTIFIED,

ARRESTED NEW ORLEANS [redacted] NO DATE, HAS PICKETED NEW ORLEANS

AND BERKELEY, NO DATES. [redacted]

[redacted] BERKLEY, [redacted] BORN [redacted]

TEXAS, [redacted]

EYES, [redacted] HAIR, STUDENT, U. OF CALIF, ADMITS PICKETING WOOL-

WORTH-S BERKELEY. ALL FOURTEEN ABOVE TRIED JACKSON MUNICIPAL

COURT THREE PM, JUNE TWENTY. ALL CONVICTED VIOLATION S. TWO ZERO

EIGHT SEVEN POINT FIVE, MISS. CODE. ALL SENTENCED FOUR MONTHS

JAIL AND TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE. [redacted]

FR, ARRESTED JUNE NINETEEN, ALSO TRIED JUNE TWENTY FOR VIOLATION

S. TWO ZERO EIGHT NINE POINT FIVE, MISS. CODE, AND RECEIVED SAME

SENTENCE AS ABOVE. THIRTEEN FR PRISONERS RELEASED FIVE HUNDRED

DOLLAR CASH APPEAL BOND NIGHT JUNE NINETEEN. THEIR NAMES FOLLOW

IN AIRTEL. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, JUNE TWENTY-

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TOTAL ARRESTED ONE HUNDRED THIRTYONE. OUT ON BOND FORTYTHREE. PAID FINES FOUR. NET IN CUSTODY EIGHTYFOUR. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT JACKSON CITY JAIL AND HINDS COUNTY JAIL. UACB NEW ORLEANS WILL NO LONGER COMMENT IN TEL SUMMARY REGARDING PRISONERS EATING AS NO HUNGER STRIKE PRESENTLY TAKING PLACE. IN EVENT OF FUTURE HUNGER STRIKE, NEW ORLEANS WILL ADVISE BUREAU.

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FROM SAC, TAMPA 157-301 FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.,

FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. DAYTONA BEACH

GROUP. REMYTEL ELEVEN PM, JUNE SIXTEEN RE THIS GROUP. REVEREND

[redacted] OF THIS GROUP, QUOTED AS STATING QUITE

PLEASED WITH RECEPTION IN TAMPA, THAT NO INCIDENT OCCURRED

IN THEIR STAY HERE, AND THAT SINCE NO BUS DEPARTING FOR DAYTONA

BEACH NIGHT OF JUNE SIXTEEN, THEY REMAINED IN TAMPA

ONLY A FEW HOURS, HOLDING NO MEETINGS, AND RETURNED TO DAYTONA

NIGHT OF JUNE SIXTEEN VIA PERSONAL AUTOS. LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM

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URGENT 6-17-61 4-17 PM MM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /157-NEW/ 1P

FREEDOM RIDERS, LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS. RACIAL MATTERS.

ARTICLE APPEARING IN QUOTE LOS ANGELES TIMES UNQUOTE JUNE SEVENTEEN LAST REFLECTING FOLLOWING INFORMATION -- THIRTEEN QUOTE FREEDOM RIDERS UNQUOTE ARRIVED HERE FRIDAY SIX SIXTEEN LAST EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS WHERE, A SPOKESMAN SAID, THEY WILL TRAIN QUOTE IN NON DASH VIOLENT UNQUOTE TACTICS. THE GROUP CONSISTS OF NINE WHITE INDIVIDUALS AND FOUR NEGROES, ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA EXCEPT FOR AN EPISCOPAL MINISTER. THE GROUP HAD A THREE HOUR LAY OVER BETWEEN TRAINS AT LOS ANGELES WHERE MET BY HENRY HODGE. NATIONAL VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY. LEADER OF THE GROUP IS TOM ROLAND, TWENTYFOUR, A WHITE STUDENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA WORKING ON A PH. D. IN BIO DASH CHEMISTRY. ACCOMPANYING THE GROUP WAS THE REVEREND GRANT H. MUSE, PASTOR OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH IN BERKELEY. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND NEW ORLEANS.

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Re WFO airtel dated 6/18/61 captioned "Unsub; Explosion of Homemade Bomb in Trash Can, Vermont Avenue and H Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., 6/15/61; Bombing Matters."

Re airtel advises that Julius W. Hobson, President of Washington Chapter of CORE, advised that the next proposed trip of freedom riders leaving Washington, D. C., is scheduled to depart on Wednesday, 6/21/61.

You should make certain that the Metropolitan Police Department is aware of this information and you should arrange to be definitely advised when these freedom riders leave Washington and their destination.

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TO SAC LOS ANGELES

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. RE NEW YORK RAD JUNE THIRTY CONCERNING DEMONSTRATION AT INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, LOS ANGELES, JULY FOUR. IMMEDIATELY ADVISE ICC AND APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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CORE, RACIAL MATTERS. RE NEW YORK RAD JUNE THIRTY CONCERNING DEMONSTRATION AT INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, LOS ANGELES, JULY FOUR. IMMEDIATELY ADVISE ICC AND APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/28/61

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FROM : SAC, DALLAS (157-127)

SUBJECT: CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
DEMONSTRATIONS SCHEDULED AT
FEDERAL BUILDINGS, SATURDAY, 6/24/61
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Bureau radiogram 6/21/61.

No demonstrations known to have taken place in Dallas Division.

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TO SAC MIAMI (157-369)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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FREEBUS; CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY; RACIAL MATTERS.

REURTEL JUNE TWENTY SIX LAST. ADVISE IF BUS ARRIVED MIAMI AND ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS RELATIVE THERETO.

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NOTE:

MM advised Trailways bus containing several freedom riders allegedly departed Naples, Fla., 3:00 a.m. 6/26/61 en route to MM. Bus due MM 5:00 a.m. same date but had not arrived. State officials checking to ascertain whereabouts of bus.

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URGENT 6-26-61 5-44 PM EST RGT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, TAMPA

FROM SAC, MIAMI //157-369/ Freedom Riders - Misc

QUOTE FREEBUS UNQUOTE RACIAL SITUATION., CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY, RACIAL MATTTERS. SGT. [redacted] DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, MIAMI, ADVISED TODAY TRAILWAYS BUS WITH SEVERAL FREEDOM RIDERS ALLEGELY LEFT NAPLES, FLA., THREE AM TODAY EN ROUTE MIAMI. BUS DUE MIAMI FIVE AM, BUT HAS NOT ARRIVED. [redacted] STATED MIAMI ANTICIPATES NO TROUBLE AT BUS STATION AND HIS DEPARTMENT AND FLA. HIGHWAY PATROL CHECKING TO ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF BUS. CIC ADVISED.

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URGENT 6-27-61 5-40 PM MSL

TO SAC MIAMI /157-369/ 1 P

FROM DIRECTOR

FREEBUS, CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY, RACIAL MATTERS.

REURTEL JUNE TWENTY SIX LAST. ADVISE IF BUS ARRIVED MIAMI AND ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS RELATIVE THERETO.

END PLS ACK

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TO : DIRECTOR FBI ~~100-225892~~ DATE: 6/26/61

FROM : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY 100-5375
FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

SUBJECT: CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
RACIAL MATTERS

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning [redacted] two individuals from Stillwater, Oklahoma who were arrested at Jackson, Mississippi in connection with the Freedom Ride sponsored by above captioned organization. One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being enclosed for the information of the New Orleans Office.

The files of the Oklahoma City Office reflect that on 3/10/61 [redacted] McAlester, Oklahoma advised that he had received information from a source, who had requested his identity to be kept confidential, that [redacted] at Oklahoma State University (OSU) was believed to be a member of a Communist Party organization at Stillwater, Oklahoma. [redacted] advised he had no additional information concerning this matter.

The [redacted] at OSU is [redacted] No information has been received by this Office indicating [redacted] has had any association with the Communist Party or related organizations. It is considered that the person referred to by [redacted] source was [redacted] OSU, who was described by [redacted] of the Security Force, OSU, on 5/4/61 as a controversial figure on the OSU campus, an admitted [redacted]

Confidential Informants who are familiar with Communist Party activities in the State of Oklahoma have advised that to their knowledge there is no Communist Party organization in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

June 26, 1961

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CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
RACIAL MATTERS

EUGENE LEVINE

The June 20, 1961 issue of The Daily Oklahoman, an Oklahoma City, Oklahoma newspaper, contains an article reflecting that EUGENE B. LEVINE, a professor of English at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, had been arrested by the police in Jackson, Mississippi, and charged with committing a breach of the peace. According to the article Jackson Police quoted LEVINE as stating he tried to integrate a Negro lunchroom after arriving in Jackson by car. b6 b7C b7D

The above article also reflects that on June 16, 1961 KAREN ELIZABETH KYTLE, [redacted] was arrested in Jackson while sitting at a white lunch counter in the bus terminal. According to the article she was one of five students, including a Negro man, sentenced to four months in jail for the incident. The article relates that Dr. JUANITA KYTLE is an assistant professor of English literature at Oklahoma State University.

On July 5, 1960, [redacted] Oklahoma, advised she had learned through [redacted] that [redacted] a student at Oklahoma State University, had informed [redacted] he had learned a new faith and wanted to serve a new cause. According to [redacted] she learned that some type of meetings wee being held under the teaching of Professor [redacted] Oklahoma and the meetings were held at the home of [redacted] stated that [redacted] Oklahoma would have knowledge of this matter. [redacted]

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On August 24, 1960, [redacted] Oklahoma advised that his [redacted] is the [redacted] a student at Oklahoma State University. He stated that [redacted] Oklahoma is [redacted] advised that during the summer of 1960 [redacted] related to him and [redacted] that he had been studying under [redacted] and had learned about socialism and believed that the United States should have a socialistic system like the British. [redacted] stated he believed that Government and State should have complete control and expressed a desire to go to England to study the British system of socialism and to teach in Great Britain [redacted] advised [redacted] stated he was anti-Communist and did not believe in the Russian system of socialism. [redacted] stated that to his knowledge [redacted] had never been a Communist and further he is not acquainted with [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(100-225892)~~ DATE: 6/22/61

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (157-140)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

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Remytel 6/20/61. Enclosed are original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to contents of letters sent to JAMES FARMER, now at the Mississippi State Penitentiary. Copies of the letters were not made available to SA GEORGE A. EVERETT, who read the letters 6/19/61.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Memphis, Tennessee

June 22, 1961

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CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY (CORE), DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED AT FEDERAL BUILDINGS, SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1961

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On June 19, 1961, [redacted] Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, made available to an Agent of this Bureau, for reading, three letters addressed to James Farmer, National Director, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), who has been transferred to the penitentiary from the Hinds County, Mississippi, jail. These letters, [redacted] stated, appeared to him to contain information of interest to the Federal Government; the letters having been opened for routine penitentiary censorship pursuant to written permission from Farmer on his arrival. The pertinent portions of the letters are summarized below.

Letter dated June 14, 1961, from [redacted] CORE [redacted] New York, discussed success of the Freedom Rider movement. One paragraph disclosed that CORE plans to stage demonstrations throughout the United States at Federal Buildings on Saturday, June 24, 1961. No details of the demonstrations were disclosed. Another paragraph disclosed CORE plans to post an appeal bond for Farmer by July 5, 1961, so that he can get out of jail and be available to participate in a telethon scheduled for July 7, 1961, presumably at New York. Another paragraph stated that [redacted] has had contacts with "political big wigs on the IRS thing" and that "the initial contact was made by trade union leaders at my suggestion."

Letter dated June 14, 1961, from [redacted] CORE staff member, New York, also discussed various aspects of the Freedom Rider Movement. She said that she had attended a rally at Washington, D. C. on June 10, 1961, at which guest speakers were James Carey, James Baldwin and Rauk of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). She said that a one

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day training session was held June 12, 1961, for eighteen Interfaith Freedom Riders and fourteen Union and Professional Freedom Riders. "They made every mistake in the books on their socio-dramas but caught on fast." These Riders were the two groups going through the Carolinas to Florida.

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In an envelope bearing the return address of [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, was a printed legal cap page entitled "The Black Maria," No. 1, July 4, 1961. It contained a long discourse on the efforts to achieve integration, with the general theme being the futility of Americans fighting abroad for liberty when segregation exists at home and in the armed forces. It stated that the Federal Government was supporting segregation at home and abroad. The page concluded with "Let our youngg men refuse to be drafted. Let them wage a constant war against segregation in all its forms. Let them petition en masse for release from military duty when their resistance is put down. Let our leaders, from the President down to the last greedy and corrupt politician be warned that this generation will not die until freedom has been won for all Americans." The author, source or distributor of this page was not disclosed, but on the reverse side was the typed name and address of Sol Battle.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 7/2/61

FROM :

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS ARRESTED IN
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
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SA H. E. Helgeson, Resident Agent at Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically advised at 3:45 p.m., July 2, 1961, that at 1:29 p.m., Central Standard Time, same date, the Jackson Police Department arrested five freedom riders at the Trailways Bus Station in Jackson. The group consisted of three white males, one Negro male, and one Negro female, and they arrived from Montgomery, Alabama. All were arrested as a group in the waiting room at the Trailways Bus Station without incident. They have been transported to the City Jail in Jackson.

Helgeson stated that a teletype will be forwarded to the Bureau within the next couple of hours giving full details concerning this occurrence, together with identity of the persons who were taken into custody by the Jackson police.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FIVE PM, JULY ONE.

NO FR ARRESTED OR RELEASED SINCE JUNE THIRTY SUMMARY.

TOTAL ARRESTED ONE SIX FOUR. OUT ON BOND SIX TWO. PAID

FINES FOUR. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE. NET IN CUSTODY

NINE SEVEN. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING JACKSON CITY AND

HINDS COUNTY JAILS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/

FROM SAC, MOBILE /157-96/ 1 P

FREEBUS, RM, CR. REURTEL JUNE THIRTY, SIXTYONE.

[redacted] CORE, MONTGOMERY , ALA. REPORTED TODAY PRESENTLY ARE FOUR FREEDOM RIDERS/MISC STAYING PRIVATE HOMES, MONTGOMERY, ALA. THEY ARE [redacted] TWENTYTHREE, [redacted] ABOUT [redacted] A STUDENT [redacted] ABOUT [redacted] STUDENT, AND [redacted] [redacted] ABOUT [redacted] FROM NEW JERSEY. ALL WILL LEAVE MONTGOMERY FOR JACKSON, MISS. BY BUS TRAVELING TOGETGER BUT EXACT DATE OF LEAVING NOT NOW KNOWN. THEY WILL LEAVE ON JULY TWO, THREE, OR FOUR, NEXT. [redacted] WILL ADVISE WHEN GROUP WILL DEPART AND NEW ORLEANS WILL BE NOTIFIED.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (~~157-373~~) DATE: 6/26/61

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-45748) REC-12

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OO - New Orleans

Re WFO and Philadelphia teletypes, both dated 6/24/61.

Enclosed herewith are five copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum regarding [redacted] is a key figure of the Philadelphia Office.

One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being sent to WFO for information inasmuch as they have apparently conducted investigation in this matter.

The first source mentioned in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted] The second source is [redacted]

The letterhead memorandum is classified "~~Confidential~~" because data reported from both sources could reasonably result in identification of these confidential informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness.

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2 - New Orleans (157-264) (Encl. - 2) (RM)
1 - WFO (100-35588) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
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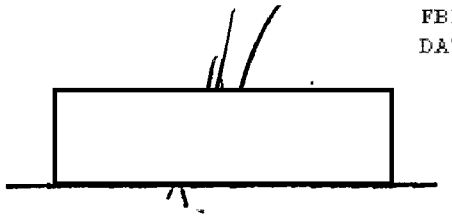
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On June 22, 1961, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a member of the Youth Club, Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD) stated on June 20, 1961, that [redacted] was on a trip to the South with the Freedom Riders.

This source advised on June 20, 1961, that [redacted] was then a member of the District Committee, CPEPD. She is known as [redacted] and does not [redacted]

On September 18, 1960, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] was then [redacted] the Youth Club, CPEPD.

[redacted] is described as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Female
Race	[redacted]
Born	
Height	
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TO SAC LOS ANGELES

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC.

FREEBUS. REURMEMO JUNE TWENTY EIGHT LAST, YOUR FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH THREE SIX THREE. KEEP BUREAU CURRENTLY ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED FREEDOM RIDE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE LOS ANGELES JULY TWELVE NEXT. IF NECESSARY TO OBTAIN ACCURATE CURRENT INFO, DIRECT CONTACTS SHOULD BE MADE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CORE UNLESS THE FILES OF YOUR OFFICE CONTAIN INFO INDICATING THAT SUCH CONTACTS WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

DATE: June 30, 1961

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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FREEDOM RIDERS-MISC.

One hundred sixty-four freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, since 5/24/61. Sixty-one have been released on bond, four have been released upon payment of fines and one has been released without the filing of charges. Ninety-eight remain in custody.

[redacted] Student Central Committee, Nashville, Tennessee, advised that the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), in Chicago, is attempting to organize a group to make a freedom ride from Nashville to Jackson, Mississippi. [redacted] anticipated that there would only be three or four freedom riders in the group.

A confidential source connected with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Nashville, advised on 6/29/61 that NAACP is planning demonstrations in Tennessee on 7/4/61. The plans are not yet definite but they involve the testing of facilities at state parks to determine if they are integrated. Primary attention is being given to parks located in Knoxville and Oak Ridge.

The same source advised that the Nashville branch, NAACP, plans to test the facilities in the Nashville city park including the swimming pool which has not been integrated.

The NAACP source further advised he has heard discussions to the effect that NAACP will sponsor a group of Negroes who will make bus trips from Mississippi into neighboring states to test various facilities. New Orleans was believed to be a principal target of this activity.

All of the above information has been furnished to appropriate local and state authorities.

There have been various rumors to the effect that racial demonstrations are planned along the Mississippi Gulf coast on 7/4/61 or during the weekend preceding 7/4/61. There has been no corroboration of these rumors to date.

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1 - Mr. Mohr
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1 - Mr. Evans

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and both NAACP and CORE sources in Mississippi have denied any knowledge of such plans. It has been reported that similar rumors last year turned out to be false. b6 b7C

[redacted] New Orleans Chapter, CORE, advised on 6/29/61 that the demonstration in New Orleans on 7/4/61 will be limited to picketing in front of the Masonic Temple which houses the office of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is also noted that the FBI office is in the same building. Local authorities have been advised.

ACTION:

A memorandum is being prepared for the information of the Attorney General.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(95-97032)~~

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264B)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC,
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Re Mobile Airtel to Director dated 6/16/61 and Bureau routing slip to Mobile dated 6/20/61.

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The following are cumulative costs incurred in this case in the New Orleans Division as of close of business, 6/24/61, excluding items reported by the Mobile Office:

	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours
Agents	312	161
Clerical	319	15

Miles Driven: 3,673

Unusual Expenses: $749.09

Above unusual expenses include connection and toll charges on special telephone equipment which charges have been billed locally.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 7/1/61

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FREEBUS Freedom Riders - Misc.

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One hundred sixty-four freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, since 5/24/61. Sixty-two have been released on bond. Four have been released upon the payment of fines and one has been released without the filing of charges. Ninety-seven remain in custody.

[redacted] Field Representative, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), New Orleans, advised on 6/30/61 that [redacted] male freedom rider, left New Orleans on the morning of 6/30/61 en route to Montgomery, Alabama, via Greyhound bus. At Montgomery he plans to join two other freedom riders presently in Montgomery and proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, on the morning of 7/2/61. Additional freedom riders may join the group at Montgomery. [redacted] is from Los Angeles and remained behind at New Orleans when the group that he was with traveled to Jackson from New Orleans 6/25/61.

It has previously been reported that a suit has been filed in U. S. District Court, Jackson, by three Negroes who seek to enjoin the enforcement of Mississippi statutes requiring segregation of transportation facilities. A defense motion for dismissal was filed on 6/30/61 alleging that state remedies have not been exhausted, plaintiffs have not stated a claim upon which relief can be granted and the complaint failed to join an indispensable party, to wit: the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority. It was also alleged that the plaintiffs are not entitled to maintain this as a class action and the court is without jurisdiction.

Medgar Evers, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Field Secretary for the State of Mississippi, advised on 6/30/61 that he has no information concerning plans for Negroes from Mississippi to proceed to neighboring states for the purpose of testing facilities. Evers stated that if any such activities were planned by NAACP members in Mississippi, he would know about it. [redacted] NAACP representative [redacted] Mississippi, and [redacted] Mississippi, also stated that they have no knowledge of any contemplated demonstrations from Mississippi to neighboring states.

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[redacted] CORE, New York City, advised that CORE demonstrations will take place on 7/4/61 in Washington, D. C., and Los Angeles, California. No demonstrations are planned for New York City. [redacted] said that he had no information concerning other CORE demonstrations scheduled for 7/4/61.

[redacted] advised that the demonstrations in Los Angeles and Washington will take place at the buildings housing offices of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is noted that Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington, D. C., Chapter of CORE, has previously advised that the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D. C., will not be picketed but that the demonstration consists of a march from the Mall to Judiciary Square. Local authorities advised.

ACTION:

A memorandum is being prepared for the information of the Attorney General.

The Attorney General
Director, FBI

July 1, 1961

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FREEDOM RIDE 1961
RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF
AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES; CIVIL RIGHTS

One hundred sixty-four freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, since May 24, 1961. Sixty-two have been released on bond. Four have been released upon the payment of fines and one has been released without the filing of charges. Ninety-seven remain in custody.

[redacted] freedom rider, traveled from New Orleans to Montgomery, Alabama, by Greyhound bus on June 30, 1961. At Montgomery, he intends to join two or more freedom riders and proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, on the morning of July 2, 1961. [redacted] is from Los Angeles and remained in New Orleans when the group with which he was traveling went from New Orleans to Jackson on June 25, 1961.

In connection with the pending suit in United States District Court, Jackson, Mississippi, in which three Negroes seek to enjoin the enforcement of Mississippi statutes requiring segregation of transportation facilities, a defense motion for dismissal was filed on June 30, 1961. The motion alleges that the court is without jurisdiction, that the suit cannot be brought as a class action and that state remedies have not been exhausted. It is further alleged that the plaintiffs have not stated a claim upon which relief can be granted and that the complaint failed to join the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority, an indispensable party, to the suit.

[redacted] Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) New York City, has advised that CORE will demonstrate at the building housing offices of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, D. C., and Los Angeles, California on July [redacted] It is noted that Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington, D. C., Chapter of the CORE, has previously stated that the Interstate Commerce

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The Attorney General

Commission at Washington, D. C., will not be picketed but that the demonstration will be confined to a march from the Mall to Judiciary Square.

The Department will be promptly advised of further developments.

1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Burke Marshall

1 - Assistant Attorney General
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157--264

FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF SIX PM, JUNE TWENTYNINE - NO FR ARRESTED SINCE JUNE TWENTYEIGHT SUMMARY. FOLLOWING FR PRISONERS RELEASED FIVE HUNDRED CASH BOND NIGHT JUNE TWENTYEIGHT - [redacted] TOTAL ARRESTED ONE SIX FOUR, OUT ON BOND SIX ONE, PAID FINES FOUR. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE. NET IN CUSTODY NINE EIGHT. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL AND JACKSON CITY JAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

FREEBUS. REMYTEL JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, TEN FIFTYONE PM, CST. M. B. PIERCE, CHIEF OF DETECTIVES, JACKSON, MISS. PD, ADVISED NIGHT JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, HAS MADE FURTHER INQUIRY RE RUMOR TWO THOUSAND FR, JULY FOURTH. STATES BELIEVES RUMOR ORIGINATED IN THIS MANNER. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, DATE NOT CERTAIN, DR. BILLY JAMES HARGIS, AN EVANGELIST OPERATING OUT OF OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, HELD A MEETING BELIEVED AT KING EDWARD HOTEL, JACKSON, REPORTED ABOUT TWO HUNDRED PERSONS ATTENDED MEETING. HARGIS USES ANTI-COMMUNIST THEME IN MEETINGS. DURING MEETING, HARGIS REPORTEDLY REFERRED TO FR WHO WERE THEN IN ABOUT SECOND WEEK OF RIDES AND SAID THAT TWO THOUSAND DASH TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED FR WOULD COME TO JACKSON. PIERCE THINKS HARGIS MADE STATEMENT IN EFFORT TO STIR UP PUBLICITY FOR HIMSELF. PIERCE BELIEVES THAT A NUMBER OF LOCAL SEGREGATIONISTS IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING AND THAY MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR PASSING ON THIS INFO. PIERCE STATES THIS INFO OBTAINED BY HIM THROUGH DISCREET INQUIRY AND SPECIFIC DETAILS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO HAVE HARGIS INTERVIEWED BY OKLAHOMA CITY.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

FREEBUS. REBUTEL JUNE TWENTYEIGHT CONCERNING TWO THOUSAND FR JULY FOURTH AND NEW ORLEANS TEL TO BUREAU , MOBILE, AND BIRMINGHAM SAME DATE.. COLONEL T. B. BIRDSONG, COMMISSIONER, MHSP, JACKSON MISS., ADVISED JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, HE HAS HEARD NOTHING THIS MATTER FROM HIS SOURCES. STATED THAT IF INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM A MISS. STATE AGENCY SOURCE, HE WOULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD KNOW OF IT. BIRDSONG STATED ALL MHSP PATROLMEN WILL BE ON DUTY JULY ONE THROUGH JULY FOURTH, NOT JULY NINE, AS TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURE TO REDUCE TRAFFICE FATALITIES. THIS IS DONE OVER JULY FOURTH HOLIDAY EVERY YEAR AND IS STANDARD PROCEDURE. RE RUMORS THAT USM WOULD BE ARRESTED IN MISS., BIRDSONG SAID NEVER HEARD SUCH AND SAID QUOTE WHY THAT IS CRAZY UNQUOTE. SAM IVY, DIRECTOR IDENT. BUREAU, MHSP, AND FORMER BUAGENT, ADVISES HE HAS NO INFO RE TWO THOUSAND FR AND SAYS THIS WOULD PROBABLY HAVE COME TO HIS ATTENTION IF DEVELOPED THROUGH MISS. STATE SOURCES. [redacted] CIC AGENT, JACKSON, SOURCE INFO NEW ORLEANS LETTERHEAD MEMO, DATED JUNE TWENTY, LAST. RECONTACTED JUNE TWENTYEIGHT. HE HAS NO ADDITIONAL INFO AND STATES PROTECTED SOURCE CANNOT BE RECONTACTED AS INFO WAS FURNISHED TO A CIC AGENT ON LEAVE ON A PERSONAL BASIS AND THIS CIC AGENT NO LONGER IN THIS AREA. ABOVE FOR INFO BUREAU.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157--264

FREEBUS. [redacted] CORE, JACKSON, MISS., FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION JUNE TWENTYEIGHT - COORDINATING COMMMITTEE OF FR LEADERS WHICH MET JACKSON, JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, DECIDED TO SET UP OFFICE IN JACKSON AS JOINT PROJECT OF THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED AT JUNE TWENTYSEVEN MEETING. OFFICE WILL BE STAFFED BY [redacted] AND THREE OTHERS, IDENTITIES NOT KNOWN TO [redacted] AT THIS TIME. OFFICE WILL BE LOCATED ONE ONE NINE ONE HALF N. FARISH ST., ROOM TWO ONE THREE, JACKSON. EXPECT TO BE IN OPERATION BY FIRST OF NEXT WEEK. REASON FOR OPENING OFFICE IS TO GIVE [redacted] ASSISTANCE AND BETTER COORDINATE FR ACTIVITES. ABOVE FOR INFO BUREAU.

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FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157--264

FREEBUS, RM, CR. RE NEW ORLEANS TEL JUNE TWENTYSEVEN LAST. TODAY [redacted] CORE, NEW ORLEANS, WHO ATTENDED MEETING JUNE TWENTY SEVEN LAST IN JACKSON, MISS. OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF FREEDOM RIDES, STATED CONCLUSION OF MEETING WAS THAT FREEDOM RIDES WOULD CONTINUE, BUT SCREENING OF MEMBERS WOULD TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY WERE THEY ORGINATE RATHER THAN AT POINT FROM WHICH THEY ARE SENT TO JACKSON. THOSE WHOSE POLITICAL OR CRIMINAL BACKGROUND IS UNFAVORABLE AND THOSE NEEDING MEDICAL OR DENTAL ATTENTION WHICH WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN PRISON AND THOSE NOT WILLING TO GO THROUGH WITH THE MATTER ARE TO BE ELIMINATED BEFORE THEY DEPART FOR NEW ORLEANS OR OTHER POINT FROM WHICH THEY ARE DISPATCHED FOR JACKSON. NOTHING SAID AT MEETING REGARDING ANY CONCENTARTION OF FREEDOM RIDERS IN MISSISSIPPI ON JULY FOURTH NEXT AND [redacted] KNOWS NOTHING CONCERNNG SUCH A PLAN.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

FREEBUS. RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL JULY THIRD LAST. FOLLOW CLOSELY AND KEEP BUREAU CURRENTLY ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS. EFFECT ADEQUATE COVERAGE TO INSURE YOU WILL BE AWARE OF ALL CONTEMPLATED FREEDOM RIDES ORIGINATING WITHIN YOUR DIVISION. YOU SHOULD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING DIRECT CONTACT WITH LOCAL CORE REPRESENTATIVE UNLESS YOUR FILES INDICATE THIS WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE.

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW ORLEANS	NEW ORLEANS	6/20/61	6/5-6/61

TITLE OF CASE

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961
TRAILWAYS BUS # 5131
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, TO
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,
6/6/61

Report made by: SA

Typed By: jlc

CHARACTER OF CASE

RM; CR

Synopsis:XXX

REFERENCES: Freedom Riders - Misc.

New Orleans telephone call to Bureau, 6/6/61.
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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will follow and report disposition.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

an extra copy of this report is designated for New Orleans for use in the event the Bureau desires to furnish a copy to USA, Jackson.

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: NEW ORLEANS
Date: JUNE 20, 1961

Field Office File No.: NO 157-288 Bureau File No.:

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961
TRAILWAYS BUS # 5131
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, TO
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,
6/6/61

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Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Trailways Bus # 5131 departed New Orleans, La., 6:15 a.m., 6/6/61, arrived Jackson, Miss., 11:27 a.m., 6/6/61. A group of the passengers consisting of 5 white males, one Negro male, and one Negro female entered the white waiting room at the Trailways Bus Station, Jackson, Miss., and placed under arrest by Jackson Police Department after entering the white waiting room. Arrests made without incident. All charged "Breach of Peace." Tried in City Court, 6/6/61. All found guilty, and each sentenced to pay fine of $200 and to serve 4 months in jail; sixty days of this period was suspended, and all returned to Jackson City Jail.

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DETAILS:

TRAVEL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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Date 6/15/61

[redacted] New Orleans, telephone [redacted] the Committee on Racial Equality activities in connection with the Freedom Riders, advised that it is planned that a group of seven people will depart New Orleans on June 6, 1961, at 6:15 AM by Trailways Bus for Jackson, Mississippi. The present schedule includes the following riders:

[redacted]

JAMES MC DONOUGH, white male

[redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] were arrested by the New Orleans Police Department on June 3, 1961, and are presently in the custody of the New Orleans Police Department and will be arraigned June 5, 1961 at 1:00 PM. If they are at liberty following their arraignment, they will go in the above group. If, however, they are still confined, the remainder of the group will proceed to Jackson.

On 6/5/61 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-288

by SA JOSEPH E. PRESLEY /js Date dictated 6/9/61

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On June 5, 1961, Sgt [redacted] New Orleans Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised SA [redacted] that the records of the Bureau of Identification, New Orleans Police Department, reflect that [redacted] JAMES MC DONOUGH, and [redacted] were arrested by the New Orleans Police Department on June 3, 1961, and charged with a violation of Ordinance 828, Chapter 42, Section 85, for no visible means of support. Sgt. [redacted] stated that photos of the three individuals have been taken and will be available at a later date.

He furnished the following descriptions of the above three individuals:

Name:
New Orleans Police Bureau of Identification Number:
Race:
Sex:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Residence address:

Local Address:

Height:
Weight:
Eyes:
Hair:
Build:
Occupation:

[redacted]

Name: JAMES MC DONOUGH
New Orleans Police Bureau of Identification Number: 104453
Race: White
Sex: Male

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James M Dawson

Date of birth: February 7, 1939
Residence address: 130 West Neck Road, Huntington, New York

Local address: [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, which is residence of [redacted]

Height: 5' 9"
Weight: 150 pounds
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Complexion: Medium
Occupation: Student; member of CORE

Name:
New Orleans Police Bureau of Identification Number:
Race:
Sex:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Residence address:

Local address:

Height:
Weight:
Eyes:
Hair:
Complexion:
Occupation:

[redacted]

Upon receipt of the above information, M. B. PIERCE, Assistant Chief of Police, Jackson Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi; Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi; and Sheriff J. R. GILFOY, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, were notified by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/15/61

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On June 6, 1961, at 6:15 AM, Trailways Bus Number 5131, bearing Tennessee license 1A-331A, departed from the Trailways Bus Station, New Orleans, and the following Freedom Riders were observed to board the bus:

[redacted]

JAMES MC DONOUGH, white male, 19-20 years of age, sun-burned, approximately 5'9", sandy rumpled hair;

[redacted]

On 6/6/61 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-233

by SA JOSEPH E. PRESLEY /js Date dictated 6/9/61

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On June 6, 1961, the following individuals were furnished the preceding information by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON:

M. B. PIERCE, Assistant Chief of Police, Jackson Police Department;

Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson;

Sheriff J. R. GILFOY, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson.

Colonel BIRDSONG advised that a Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol car would follow the bus into Jackson, Mississippi.

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Date 6/8/61

[redacted] Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Edward Lee Hotel, telephonically advised at 9:05 a.m. that he spoke with the CORE representative in New Orleans on the night of June 4, 1961, and was advised that a group of riders expects to leave New Orleans, Louisiana, en route to Jackson, Mississippi, on the early morning of June 6, 1961. He advised the group will travel by bus, but the number of riders or time of departure has not yet been established. He advised he has also learned that there is a possibility that a separate group of riders may leave Nashville, Tennessee, on June 6, 1961, en route to Jackson; however, he has no details of this trip as yet.

[redacted] advised he will be in telephonic contact with his representatives at both New Orleans, Louisiana, and Nashville, Tennessee, on the morning of June 5, 1961, and will advise the Jackson Resident Agency of the results of these conferences.

On 6/5/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 157-288

by SA [redacted] /jlc Date dictated 6/5/61

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ARRIVAL JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AND ARRESTS

FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/9/61

The following was observed at the Trailways Bus Depot, 201 East Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Mississippi:

At 11:27 a.m., Trailways Bus # 5131 arrived at the passenger platform at the terminal; and, after the doors were opened, about thirty passengers got off the bus. Just to the right of the passengers, as they stepped off the bus, was a large sign with the words "Colored Waiting Room" on the entrance doors of that waiting room. Down the platform, approximately forty feet from that waiting room, was a large sign with the words "White Waiting Room" on the doors there.

A group of the passengers from the bus stood together momentarily on the platform after leaving the bus and then walked to the White Waiting Room and entered the doors there. This group consisted of five white males, one Negro male, and one Negro female. The two Negroes were the last two of the group to enter the White Waiting Room. The group then stood by the benches nearest the door through which they came, at which time Captain [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, in uniform, told the group, "You must move on." He repeated this twice. The group then sat down on the benches there. Captain [redacted] then told the group they were under arrest. b6 b7C

There were present in the White Waiting Room, in addition to the group referred to above, approximately 35 or 40 people; about eight of these appeared to be newspapermen, some having camera equipment, 4 or 5 uniformed policemen; and 2 or 3 detectives of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department. Also present was Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol.

At the time of the arrest no handcuffs were used, and none of the officers were observed to touch any of the group.

The officers present appeared to have no equipment other than usual sidearms.

The arrested individuals, directed by three or four

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police officers in uniform, walked through the front doors of the White Waiting Room of the bus station to East Pascagoula Street and entered the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department Patrol Wagon, which was parked there. The Patrol Wagon was driven off by a police officer.

It is estimated that approximately ten minutes passed from the time the group entered the White Waiting Room until they left in the Patrol Wagon.

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The driver of Trailways Bus # 5131 was [redacted] Mississippi.

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At 11:27 a.m., June 6, 1961, Trailways Bus # 5131 was observed to arrive at the Trailways Bus Station, Jackson, Mississippi, and to pull into unloading dock No. 8. A group of five white males, including [redacted] white male, age [redacted] who was identified from an Associated Press Wirephoto, was observed to disembark from the bus followed by one Negro male and one Negro female. This group of seven individuals then was observed to walk from the loading platform into the White Waiting Room of the Trailways Bus Station. They were followed into the station by Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department. There were at that time six additional uniformed police officers in the White Waiting Room. Captain [redacted] then told the above group, "Move on; you will have to move on out of the station." Upon hearing this order, the seven individuals described above sat down in seats on the extreme south side of the White Waiting Room, and Captain [redacted] then said, "You are all under arrest." Captain [redacted] then instructed three unidentified police officers to obtain the names of the individuals, which they did, following which the officers were observed to escort these seven individuals into the Police Paddy Wagon, which had been parked at the font entrance of the bus station.

There were no incidents or demonstrations of any nature in connection with this arrest which occurred at 11:35 a.m., June 6, 1961.

Approximately eight reporters and news photographers were present at the Trailways Bus Station, as was Captain [redacted] Identification Officer, Jackson Police Department, who photographed the above arrest.

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Assistant Chief of Police M. B. PIERCE, Jackson Police Department, advised that the following seven Freedom Riders were arrested by Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department, at the White Waiting Room of the Trailways Bus Station at 11:35 a.m., June 6, 1961, for Breach of the Peace and will be tried in Municipal Court on either June 6 or June 7, 1961. He said the arrests were made without incident.

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Name:
Race:
Sex:
Age:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Height:
Weight:
Build:
Eyes:
Hair:
Address:

Occupation:
Parents:

Arrest record: Admits arrests by Police Department, [redacted] for which he served [redacted] Also admits arrest by Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana, in [redacted] for picketing; charge dismissed.

Name: JAMES THOMAS MC DONOUGH
Race: White
Sex: Male
Age: 22

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Date of birth:	February 7, 1939
Place of birth:	Huntington, New York
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	153 pounds
Build:	Slender
Eyes:	Grey
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Ruddy
Scars and marks:	Has many pimples on face
Address:	130 West Neck Road, Huntington, New York
Occupation:	Student, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
Parents:	MARY E. WALSH, mother, same address; WALTER G. MC DONOUGH, father, deceased
Arrest record:	Admits arrest by Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana, for picketing, June, 1961; dismissed.

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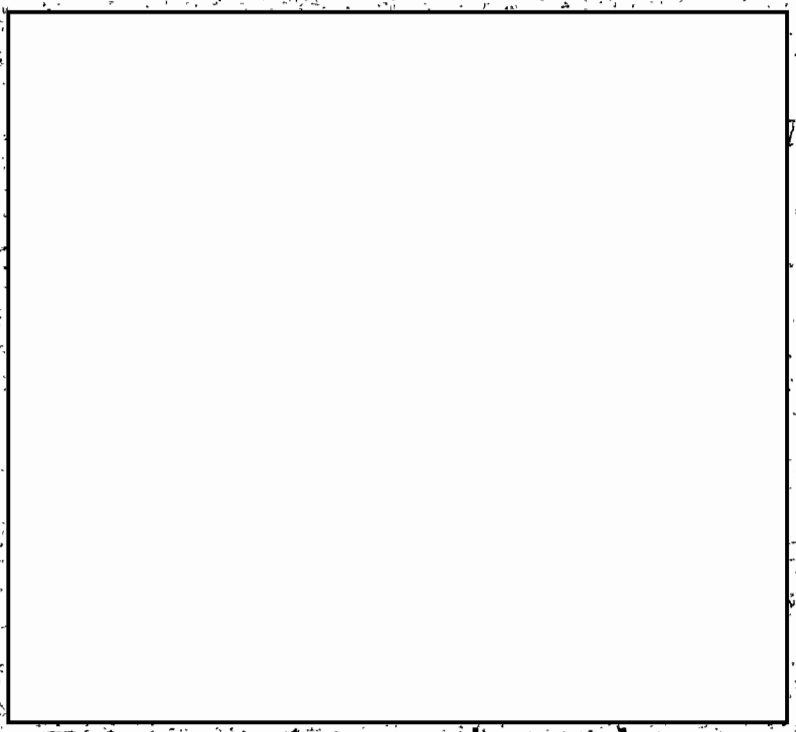
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Arrest record:	Admits arrest at Washington, D. C., [redacted] for picketing [redacted] in connection with the invasion of Cuba. Admits arrest by Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana, [redacted] for picketing, which charge was dismissed.

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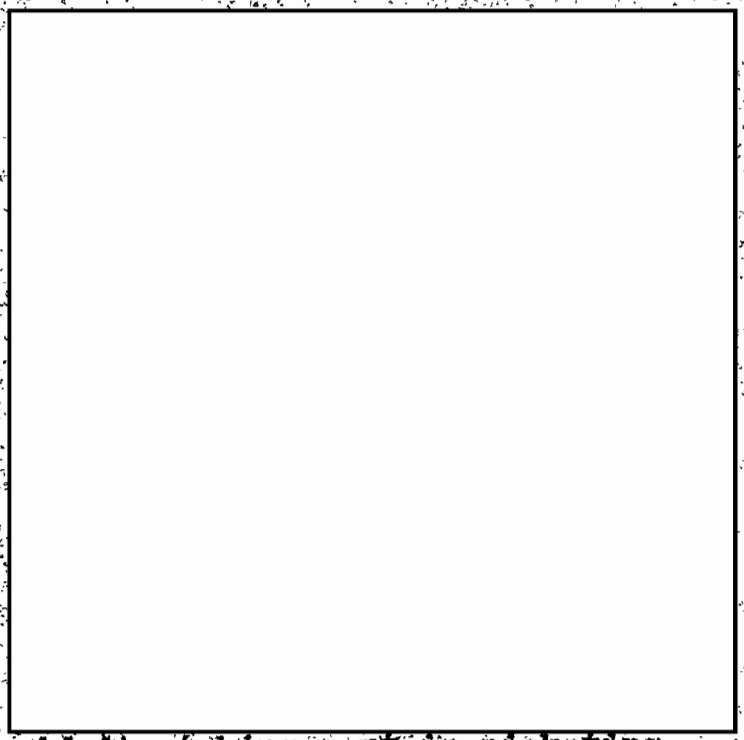


Arrest record: Claims no prior arrest record.

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Race:
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Age:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Height:
Weight:
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Hair:
Complexion:
Marital status:
Education:

Occupation:
Address:

Parents:



Arrest record: Admits taking part in picketing in Newark, New Jersey; date unknown.

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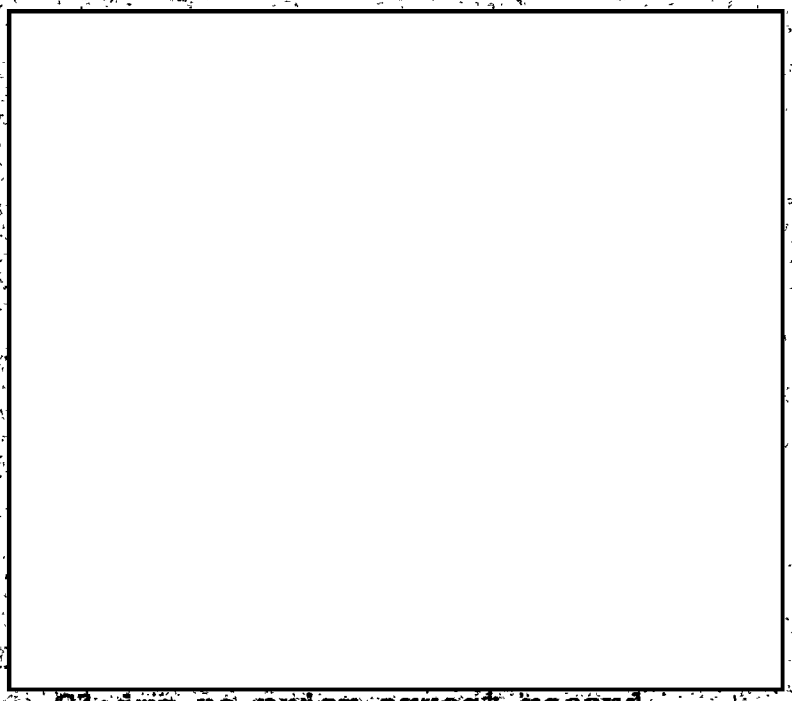
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Parents:

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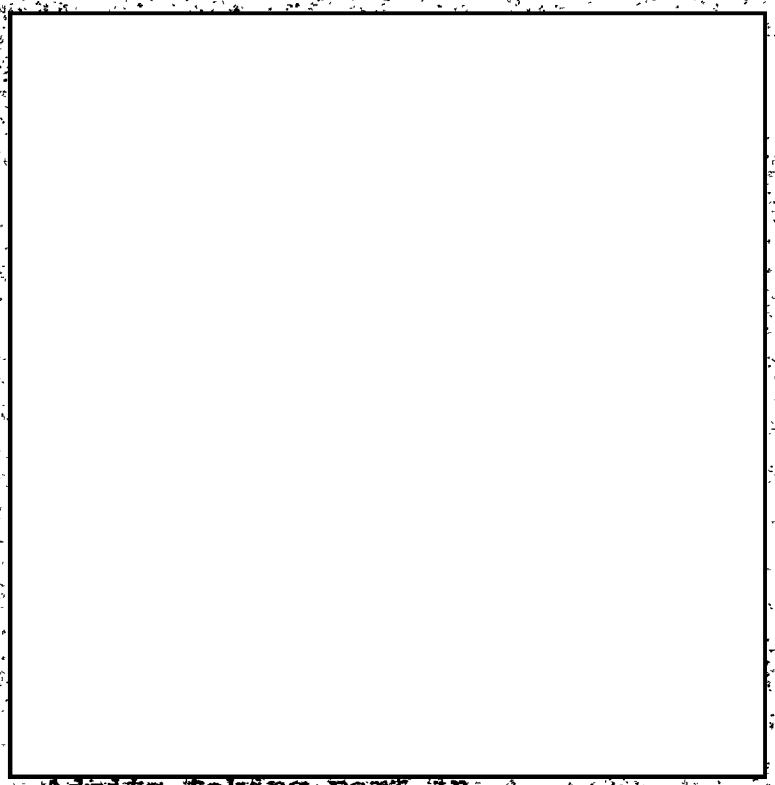
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Occupation:

Parents:

Arrest record:



Admits taking part in demonstrations and picketing at Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] and admits arrested for picketing at New Orleans, Louisiana, in [redacted] dismissed.

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JACK A. TRAVIS, JR., City Attorney, advised that on June 6, 1961, Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department, appeared before JAMES L. SPENCER, a Police Justice of the City of Jackson and Ex-Officio Justice of the Peace of Jackson, and signed seven separate affidavits charging the seven individual Freedom Riders did, on or about June 6, 1961, in the corporate limits of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, did then and there wilfully and unlawfully congregate with others in or around the Trailways Bus Depot, Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Mississippi, a place of business engaged in selling or serving members of the public, in violation of Section 2037.5, Mississippi Code of 1942, Annotated, as amended, and did then and there fail or refuse to disperse and move on when ordered to do so by affiant (Captain [redacted] a law enforcement officer of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, a Municipality, contrary to the laws and ordinances in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Mississippi.

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Assistant Chief of Police H. B. PIERCE, Jackson Police Department, advised the following individuals were tried in the Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, before Municipal Judge JAMES L. SPENCER on June 6, 1961, on a charge of Breach of the Peace, in connection with their arrest at Jackson on June 6, 1961, and were convicted, and each was sentenced to pay a fine of $200 and to serve four months in jail; sixty days of this period was suspended:

[redacted]

JAMES THOMAS MC DONOUGH

[redacted]

Mr. PIERCE advised the above seven individuals were represented by Attorney [redacted] of Jackson, Mississippi, and the case was prosecuted by Jackson City Attorney JACK TRAVIS and Assistant Jackson City Attorney [redacted] He advised the above individuals all entered pleas of not guilty.

Mr. PIERCE advised the trial began at 3:00 p.m. and ended at 3:28 p.m.

Mr. PIERCE advised the only witness for the prosecution was Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department, who testified he arrested these individuals when they failed to obey his order to move on. He advised the defense did not call any witnesses. He advised that following their conviction, Attorney [redacted] told members of the press that the defendants were not going to appeal their conviction at the present time and were not going to pay their fines at this time.

Mr. PIERCE advised no one was barred from the courtroom during the above trial and further advised there were no incidents at the trial. He advised that following the trial the defendants were returned to the Jackson City Jail.

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FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /157-246/ 2P

CORE, RM, FREEBUS, RM. REURTEL INSTANT. INSTANT SUIT FILED USDC, TALLAHASSEE, FLA., SIX TWENTYSIX LAST BY PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED NEGRO MINISTERS FOR AN ORDER OPENING TALLAHASSEE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT RESTAURANT TO ALL RACES. BILL OF COMPLAINT MAILED IN BY ATTORNEY CONSTANCE B. MOTLEY, NEW YROK, AND NAACP ATTORNEY [redacted] MIAMI, ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF. DEFENDANTS NAMED ARE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, ITS MAYOR, EACH OF ITS CITY COMMISSIONERS AND AMERICAN NEWS CO., INC., WHICH OPERATES SAVARIN RESTAURANT CONCESSION AT AIRPORT. IN SUIT THE THREE MINISTERS REQUEST COURT TO ENTER INTERLOCUTORY AND PERMANENT INJUNCTIONS SO THERE WILL BE NO DISTINCTION BASED ON COLOR IN REGARDS SERVICE AT AIRPORT RESTAURANT. SUIT ASKS THAT DEFENDANTS, THEIR SUCCESSORS, AGENTS, SERVANTS AND EMPLOYEES BE ENJOINED FROM ANNOYING, ARRESTING AND HARRASSING THE THREE MINISTERS AND THE CLASS THEY REPRESENT OVER THEIR INSISTENCE THEY BE SERVED AT RESTAURANT. MINISTERS STATE IN SUIT THAT AS

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ORDAINED MINISTERS THEY MUST TRAVEL EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT STATE AND FREQUENTLY LAND AT LOCAL AIRPORT. THEY CLAIM RESTAURANT POLICY IS SCHEMED TO UNLAWFULLY ENFORCE RACIAL SEGREGATION. RESTAURANT HAS BEEN CLOSED TO GENERAL PUBLIC SINCE SIX TWENTYTWO LAST. PRELIMINARY HEARING ON SUIT SET BY USDJ G. HARROLD CARSWELL FOR JULY EIGHTEEN NEXT AT TALLAHASSEE, FLAM COPY OF SUIT BEING OBTAINED AND WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU IMMEDIATELY. CIC, TALLAHASSEE, ADVISED. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-369)

"FREEBUS"
RACIAL SITUATION
CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY
RACIAL MATTERS

Freedom Riders - MISC

Re Miami teletype to Director and Tampa, with airmail cc to Jacksonville, 6/26/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 6/27/61 captioned as above, concerning an alleged group of "Freedom Riders" en route to Miami from Naples, Fla., 6/26/61.

Information copies for Tampa and Jacksonville, in view of their interest in racial problems in the State of Florida.

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Re: "FREEBUS"
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Sergeant [redacted] Dade County Department of Public Safety, Miami, Florida, advised on June 26, 1961, that a Trailways bus with several Freedom Riders aboard allegedly left Naples, Florida, at 3:00 a.m., June 26, 1961, en route to Miami, Florida. Instant bus scheduled to arrive Miami, 5:00 a.m. Sergeant [redacted] said men from his Department have checked with the Miami Bus Station and this bus has not arrived in Miami. He stated that he has checked and will continue to check with the Florida Highway Patrol regarding this bus. However, no information has been developed that such a bus with several Freedom Riders aboard actually did leave Naples.

On June 26, 1961, the "Miami News," a local Miami, Florida, newspaper, stated that the report that a group of Freedom Riders was headed toward Miami today was discounted by A. ~~D.~~ MOORE, head of the Miami branch of the Congress of Racial Equality. MOORE said if they were coming to Miami, he would more than likely know about it. He further stated that if they were coming, it would not be to test our bus stations. He stated, "They're desegregated. They might stop over here before heading somewhere else, though."

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[redacted] Counter Intelligence Corps, Miami, was advised of the above information on June 26, 1961.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 7/3/61

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FREEBUS Freedom Riders - Misc.

Five freedom riders traveled from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, by Trailways bus on 7/2/61. They were arrested when they entered the white waiting room in the Jackson bus depot and refused to comply with instructions of the police that they move on.

One hundred sixty-nine freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson since 5/24/61. Sixty-two have been released on bond, four have been released upon payment of fines and one has been released without the filing of charges. One hundred two remain in custody.

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., has reservations to travel from Atlanta, Georgia, to Jackson, Mississippi, by air on 7/6/61 and to return to Atlanta on 7/7/61.

Third Army Headquarters, Fort McClellan, Alabama, has received information indicating that an unidentified group of Negroes may attempt to integrate the public park at Okolona, Mississippi, 7/4/61. Local authorities are cognizant.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Memphis, Tennessee, has recently been sponsoring a weekly march on Main Street protesting various aspects of segregation in Memphis. James C. MacDonald, Chief of Police, Memphis, has advised that he has information indicating that Negroes plan to test restaurants, swimming pools and theaters on 7/4/61. Chief MacDonald is of the opinion that white people in Memphis are becoming agitated over the demonstrations and he feels that if the Negroes continue such activities, it will only be a matter of time until there will be racial trouble in Memphis.

The local press in Detroit, Michigan, has reported that Mayor Orville L. Hubbard, Dearborn, Michigan, has received a telegram from the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, Atlanta, Georgia, requesting permission for an integrated group of ministers to visit Dearborn for the purpose of determining whether housing is segregated. The visit apparently is in connection with a church convention to be held in Detroit 9/16/61.

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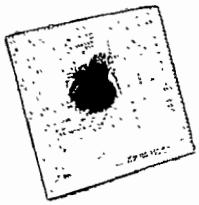
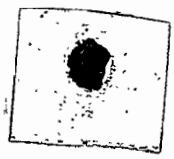
Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

The Detroit press also reported that the Ann Arbor, Michigan, Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality announced that it was planning a trip to Dearborn to investigate public facilities. Mayor Hubbard reportedly referred to them as "freedom clowns" and said, "I don't want them coming here to stir up trouble, but if they obey the traffic laws, don't make noise or throw junk on the streets, they'll be treated all right."

The Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., received information at 10:30 a.m., 7/2/61, indicating that a bomb would explode at the Greyhound bus station at noon 7/2/61. Police made a complete search of the bus station but no bomb was found.

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A memorandum is being prepared for the Attorney General. b6 b7C

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS MEMPHIS, MOBILE AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157--264

FREEBUS, RM. RE TELETYPES FROM BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYONE, TO NEW ORLEANS, DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL JUNE TWENTY, SIXTYONE, SETTING FORTH INFORMATION CONCERNING ALLEGED REPORTED TWO THOUSAND FREEDOM RIDERS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN ALL MAJOR CITIES OF MISSISSIPPI DURING WEEK JULY FOUR, SIXTYONE. LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM FROM NEW ORLEANS SET FORTH THAT THIS INFORMATION REPORTEDLY WAS FURNISHED IN A LETTER FROM MISSISSIPPI STATE SOVEREIGNTY COMMISSION AND THAT INFORMATION HAD BEEN FURNISHED TO SOVEREIGNTY COMMISSION FROM INFORMANTS IN NEW YORK CITY AND CHICAGO, ILL. M.B. PIERCE, NA, CHIEF OF DETECTIVES, JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED TODAY THAT [redacted] OF THE STATE SOVEREIGNTY COMMISSION ADVISED PIERCE THAT STATE SOVEREIGNTY COMMISSION HAD NOT RECEIVE ANY SUCH INFORMATION FROM INFORMANTS IN NEW YORK CITY AND CHICAGO, ILL., AND THAT [redacted] HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY COMMISSION STATING HE HAD QUOTE PICKED UP A RUMOR UNQUOTE THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TO ~~CORR LINE 14 CEIVE ANY~~

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THE EFFECT THAT A WHITE EVANGELIST NAMED BILLY JOE HARGIS WHO HAD HAD SOME METTINGS AT THE KING EDWARD HOTEL IN JACKSON, MISS., WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT BETWEEN TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTYFIVE HUNDRED FREEDOM RIDERS WOULD ARRIVE IN MISSISSIPPI DURING JULY FOUR HOLIDAY WEEK. M.B. PIERCE ADVISED THAT AS OF THIS TIME, BASED ON CONTACT WITH STATE SOVERIGNTY COMMISSION, THIS INFO WAS APPARENTLY RUMOR. HE ADVISED HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY FURNISH ANY INFO INDICATING OTHERWISE. SOURCES IN NEW ORLEANS IN CORE AND NAACP AND OTHER HAVE NO INFO INDICATING ANY TWO THOUSAND RIDERS COMING IN TO MISSISSIPPI DURING JULY FOUR HOLIDAY WEEK. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

CORE REPRESENTATIVE, JACKSON, ADVISED SMALL GROUP OF RIDERS ENROUTE NASHVILLE, TENN., PLAN TO ARRIVE IN JACKSON DURING WEEKEND OF JULY FIRST. HAS NO FURTHER DETAILS. MEMPHIS CONTACT SOURCES AND DETERMINE IDENTITES, TIME OF DEPARTURE, TIME OF ARRIVAL AND MODE OF TRAVEL OF FREEDOM RIDERS FROM NASHVILLE TO JACKSON. BIRMINGHAM IMMEDIATELY CONTACT CIC HEADQUARTERS, FORT MC CLELLAN, TO DETERMINE HOW QUOTE THEY HAD CONFIRMED THAT THE RIDERS WOULD GO TO JACKSON, MISS., UNQUOTE AND

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ORIGINAL SOURCE OF ALLEGED TWO THOUSAND FREEDOM RIDERS

EXPECTED OVER WEEKEND OF JULY FOUR.

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FREEBUS. SHERIFF J. ROBERT GILFOY, HINDS COUNTY, JACKSON, MISS. MISCELLANEOUS ADVISED TWENTYTWO FR PRISONERS TRANSFERRED TO MSP PARCHMAN, MISS. FROM CITY AND COUNTY JAILS JACKSON ON JUNE TWENTYEIGHT. IDENTITIES FOLLOW AIRTEL. FR PRISONERS [redacted]

[redacted] RELEASED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR CASH APPEAL BOND JUNE TWENTYSEVEN. NO FR ARRESTED SINCE JUNE TWENTYSEVEN SUMMARY. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM JUNE TWENTYEIGHT. TOTAL ARRESTED ONE SIXTYFOUR. OUT ON BOND FIFTYEIGHT. PAID FINES FOUR. RELEASED TO ATTRNEY ONE. NET IN CUSTODY ONE HUNDRED AND ONE. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS COUNTY AND JACKSON CITY JAILS.

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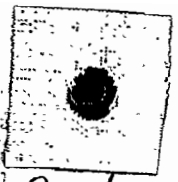
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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC-S MOBILE AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, BIRMINGHAM /157-85/

FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. ORIGIN MOBILE. [redacted] CIC, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, PERSONALLY APPEARED AT THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE THIS MORNING AND ADVISED HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM HIS HEADQUARTERS AT FORT MC CLELLAN, ALABAMA, WHICH IS REGION FOUR, CIC, COVERING THE STATES OF MISSISSIPPI AND ALABAMA, THAT TWO THOUSAND FREEDOM RIDERS WERE EXPECTED OVER THE WEEKEND OF JULY FOUR, SIXTYONE, TO COME TO BIRMINGHAM, MONTGOMERY, AND JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, VIA AIR, RAIL AND BUS, WITH THE EXPRESSED PURPOSE OF GOING ONTO BEACHES AND INTO RESTAURANTS IN EACH AREA. [redacted] ADVISED HIS HEADQUARTERS AT FORT MC CLELLAN SUBSEQUENTLY STATED THAT THEY HAD CONFIRMED THAT THE RIDERS WOULD GO TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, BUT THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION THAT THEY WOULD COME TO BIRMINGHAM OR MONTGOMERY. HE SAID THAT THE REPORT NOW STANDS THAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO GO TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AREA. HIS OFFICE ALSO RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THE AUTHORITIES CLAIMED THEY CAN

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HANDLE THE MATTER IN THE LARGE CITIES, BUT MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN THE SMALL CITIES, HOWEVER, IF FEDERAL MARSHALS COME IN THEY ARE GOING TO ARREST THE FEDERAL MARSHALS ALSO. NEW ORLEANS IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO VERIFY THIS INFORMATION AND FURNISH BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES OF RESULTS OF VERIFICATION.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-264 2P

FREEBUS. [redacted] CLERK, USDC, JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED JUNE TWENTYSEVEN THAT A LETTER DATED JUNE TWENTYSIX DIRECTED TO ATTORNEYS IN SUIT REGARDING APPLICATION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS BY FREEDOM RIDER [redacted] WAS FILED JUNE TWENTY SEVEN IN USDC. LETTER SIGNED BY USDJ S. C. MIZE. LETTER READS AS FOLLOWS - QUOTE " I HAVE STUDIED THE RECORD AND YOUR BRIEFS CAREFULLY AND HAVE REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT THE WRIT MUST BE DENIED UNDER THE ACT OF CONGRESS. I WILL FILE A WRITTEN OPINION DURING THE WEEK, BUT DESIRE TO GIVE FURTHER THOUGHT TO WHETHER OR NOT I SHOULD RETAIN JURISDICTION OF THE CASE, AS PROVIDED UNDER THE DUFFY CASE. MY OPINION WILL BE BASED UPON THE FACT THAT THE STATE REMEDIES HAVE NOT BEEN EXHAUSTED," UNQUOTE. AUSA JACK MC DILL OF OPINION ACT OF CONGRESS REFERRED TO BY JUDGE MIZE IS SECTION TWO TWO FIVE FOUR, TITLE TWENTYEIGHT, USC, WHICH PROVIDES WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS SHALL NOT BE GRANTED UNLESS APPLICANT EXHAUSTED REMEDIES AVAILABLE STATE COURTS. DUFFY CASE

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REFERS TO DUFFY WADDEN, ETAL VS. WELLS, U. S. NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS CASE, IN TWO ZERO ONE FEDERAL REPORTS, SECOND SERIES, PAGE THREE ZERO FIVE, IN WHICH COURT HELD CONCERNING U. S. CODE, SECTION TWO TWO FIVE FOUR, TITLE TWENTYEIGHT, IN EFFECT THAT JUDGE HAS RIGHT TO RETAIN JURISDICTION OF APPLICATION OF WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNTIL STATE REMEDIES EXHAUSTED, AT WHICH TIME JUDGE CAN CONSIDER APPLICATION ON MERITS. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM, SAC, MEMPHIS /157-140/

FREEBUS, - miscellaneous
RM, MEMPHIS DIVISION. ON JUNE TWENTY EIGHT, INSTANT, CIC, AGENT [redacted] COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, WHO IS ATTACHED TO THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH CIC DETACHMENT, FT. MC CLELLAN, ALA., TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA [redacted] RA, COLUMBUS, MISS., AND ADVISED THAT A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, ADVISED HIM THAT QUOTE TWO THOUSAND FREEDOM RIDERS WERE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN MISS DURING THE WEEK OF FOURTH OF JULY. ALL MAJOR CITIES IN MISSISSIPPI WILL BE INVOLVED. FREEDOM RIDERS PLAN TO ARRIVE BY TRAIN, BUS, AND BY PLANE, UNQUOTE. [redacted] ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HIS HEADQUARTERS AT FT. MC CLELLAN REQUESTED HIM TO FURNISH HIS INFORMATION TO THE FBI AND EVIDENTLY THE INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH INFORMANTS IN N.Y. CITY AND CHICAGO. HE SAID HIS ORGANIZATION IS EXERTING EVERY EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF THE ORGANIZATION OR GROUPS INVOLVED AND WILL IMMEDIATELY FURNISH THIS INFORMATION IF SUCH IS DEVELOPED. INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [redacted] OTHER THAN

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THAT QUOTED WAS FURNISHED ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SACS MOBILE AND NEW ORLEANS AND MEMPHIS

FROM SAC BIRMINGHAM /157-85/ 1P

FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. ORIGIN MOBILE. REMYTEL TODAY. [redacted]

[redacted] CIC, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE THAT HE HAD CHECKED CONCERNING THE CONFIRMATION MENTIONED IN RETEL THAT TWO THOUSAND FREEDOM RIDERS WERE GOING TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. ACCORDING TO RECORDS AT FORT MC CLELLAN, ALABAMA, THIS INFORMATION ORIGINALLY CAME FROM CIC AGENT AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, WHO OBTAINED IT FROM A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO IS DESCRIBED AS [redacted] THIS APPARENTLY IS THE SAME INFORMATION AS FURNISHED ORIGINALLY BY NEW ORLEANS.

MOBILE, NEW ORLEANS AND MEMPHIS TO BE ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI Freedom Riders - Misc

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FIVE PM, JUNE THIRTY SIXTYONE.

NO FR ARRESTED SINCE JUNE TWENTYNINE SUMMARY. FR PRISONER [redacted]

[redacted] RELEASED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR CASH APPEAL BOND

JUNE THIRTY. TOTAL ARRESTED ONE SIX FOUR. OUT ON BOND SIX TWO.

PAID FINE FOUR. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE. NET IN CUSTODY NINE SEVEN.

ALL FR PRISONERS EATING JACKSON CITY AND HINDS COUNTY JAILS.

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The Attorney General

July 6, 1961

Director, FBI

Riders

FREEDOM RIDE 1961
RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF
AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES; CIVIL RIGHTS

Three freedom riders were arrested for breach of the peace at the Trailways bus terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on the afternoon of July 5, 1961, after they entered the white waiting room and expressed the intention of purchasing bus tickets and failed to move on, at orders of the Jackson Police Department. They stated that they were protesting their "second class" citizenship. These three freedom riders are all from Jackson, Mississippi. No incidents occurred and no date has been set for their trial.

A similar incident occurred at 11:00 p. m. (Central Standard Time), July 5, 1961, at Jackson, Mississippi, on which occasion six Negro male freedom riders, residents of Jackson, also entered the white waiting room in the Trailways bus terminal and expressed the intention of buying tickets to New Orleans. They also were arrested for breach of the peace and no further incidents occurred.

To date, one hundred seventy-eight freedom riders have been arrested in Jackson since May 24, 1961. Sixty-six have been released on bond, four have paid fines and one has been released to his attorney leaving a total of one hundred seven remaining in custody.

On the afternoon of July 5, 1961, a group of twelve Negro students from Campbell College, Jackson, Mississippi, congregated near the swimming pool reserved for white patrons at the Livingston Municipal Park, Jackson. Two of these individuals attempted to enter through the gate but were barred by the Jackson Police Department and the entire group was ordered to move on. Eight of these individuals complied and four refused as a result of which these four were arrested for breach of the peace. No incidents occurred in connection with the arrests and no trial date has been set.

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The Attorney General

[redacted] one of three freedom riders who were with the so-called professional group which originated at Washington, D. C., and who were arrested at the bus station in Ocala, Florida, on June 16, 1961, was tried before Judge Lewis O. Myers, Marion County, Florida, and a jury on July 5, 1961. [redacted] was found guilty of unlawful assembly. Judge Myers has postponed sentencing. The cases against the other two, [redacted] who were arrested with [redacted] have been continued until the July 6 and July 7, 1961, sessions of court.

It has been reported that the contemplated demonstration by the Congress of Racial Equality in Los Angeles, California, on July 4, 1961, was called off because sufficient notification had not been given to the Congress of Racial Equality headquarters in New York City, the Interstate Commerce Commission only maintains a suite in a large office building in Los Angeles, and since the Los Angeles downtown area is practically deserted on a holiday. In view of these considerations it was felt the demonstration would not have been effective.

Further developments will be promptly brought to the attention of the Department.

1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-373)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-391)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961
RM; CR
(OO:NEW ORLEANS)

Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 6/27/61.

Albany airtel to Bureau, 6/12/61, captioned "FREEBUS; RM," set forth a list of individuals currently attending Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, who left Ithaca, NY, on 6/12/61, for Nashville, Tennessee, to attend CORE workshop there prior to acting as Freedom Riders. b6 b7C

Included in this list was [redacted] born [redacted] Pa., admitted to Cornell as undergraduate from Forest Hills High School in [redacted] Parent [redacted] Home address [redacted] NY.

NYO airtel to Bureau, 6/19/61, captioned, "FREEBUS; RACIAL MATTERS," advised the Bureau and New Orleans that [redacted] NY, subject of Bufile [redacted] and NY file [redacted] was [redacted] CP, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1943; member of [redacted] Branch CP, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1943; held CPA card [redacted] 1945; attended mass protest sponsored by CP, Pennsylvania, 1949.

Reairtel requested NYO to furnish the above information concerning [redacted] to Bureau and New Orleans in letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination captioned as instant airtel.

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It is noted that all the above information was contained in Summary Report of SA [redacted] Pittsburgh, 1/14/52. Inasmuch as Pittsburgh is in a position to furnish the identity and current status of sources who furnished the above information relating to [redacted] Pittsburgh is requested to furnish letterhead memorandum to Bureau and New Orleans.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-246)

SUBJECT: CORE, RACIAL MATTERS;
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Re previous teletypes by Jacksonville Office in captioned matter.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above at Jacksonville, Florida, containing information pertaining to the group of freedom riders known as the Interfaith Group.

This matter being closely followed by Jacksonville and Bureau will be advised of appeal disposition presently pending at Tallahassee, Florida, as to members of group arrested and subsequently convicted in City Court, Tallahassee.

All pertinent information in this regard was furnished immediately to Special Agent [redacted] Military Intelligence (CIC), Tallahassee, Florida.

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(Interfaith Group)

Eight members of the Interfaith Group of Freedom Riders who were arrested by local authorities at Tallahassee, Florida, on June 16, 1961, subsequently made bail and returned to Newark, New Jersey, area, arrived back in Tallahassee, Florida, on Eastern Airlines Flight Number 273 at 4:21 p.m. June 21, 1961. Five deputies from the Leon County Sheriff's Office at Tallahassee were inside the air terminal upon arrival of the group. In addition, three plain-clothed police officers were inside the terminal and two uniformed officers were just outside the main entrance. It was learned through Frank Stoutamire, Chief of Police, Tallahassee, Florida, that the terminal cafe would be closed upon arrival of the group.

Stoutamire advised that plans formulated prior to the arrival above were that in the event the restaurant at the terminal was not closed for some reason and members of the Freedom Riders attempted to test these facilities, they were to be refused service by the management and requested to leave the premises. If they refused to leave the premises on request and the Leon County Sheriff's Office was requested to lend assistance, the group would be arrested for violation of Florida Statute 509.141 of the Hotel and Restaurant Commission regulations giving the owner of a restaurant the right to refuse service to anyone. Stoutamire also advised that in the event the group of Freedom Riders on this occasion assembled in the terminal for an unreasonable length of time and refused to move on when so ordered, the Tallahassee Police Department would arrest the group on a charge of unlawful assembly.

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It had also been decided by members of the Tallahassee, Florida, city government that the Leon County Sheriff's Office had been designated to handle any arrest in the restaurant so that a judgement could also be tested in Leon County Court at Tallahassee.

It was determined through Stoutamire that [redacted] all Miami, Florida, attorneys, had been retained by the Florida Civil Liberties Union, 706 Ainsley Building, Miami, Florida, to represent the members of the Interfaith Group at their trial for unlawful assembly scheduled for 9:00 a.m., June 22, 1961. Defense attorneys for the group standing trial were expected to contest the right of city police to make arrests at the airport terminal which lies outside the city limits, although city property. It was also expected the constitutionality of the unlawful assembly law would be contested vigorously.

Upon arrival at the Tallahassee airport, all eight members of the returning group (two members had remained in the Tallahassee area) went inside the main terminal. The restaurant was closed prior to their arrival; however, the restroom facilities were not closed. Two white clergymen were observed to enter a restroom clearly marked "colored men." Officers inside the terminal made no attempt to impede the movements of these two members nor was anything said to them.

The eight members of the group then went almost immediately to the main terminal restaurant and waited briefly while four cars, all driven by colored males, drove up. All eight members entered these cars and went directly to the Inter-Civil Council meeting hall located at 803 Floral Street where they stayed briefly before being met by [redacted] St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church at 1405 Kelvin Street.

Two marked Sheriff's patrol cruisers maintained constant surveillance of the group, which, after leaving the church above, stayed overnight at the Bethel Baptist Church at 224 North Boulevard Street, [redacted] a prominent local Negro integration leader [redacted]

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At approximately 8:50 a.m. on June 22, 1961, all ten members of the Interfaith Group previously arrested at Tallahassee appeared at the Tallahassee City Hall with [redacted] prominent Negro integration leader, arrived at City Hall with the group. Also with the group were [redacted] and [redacted], all local sympathizers, arrested with the Interfaith Group at the Tallahassee airport.

As the trial began, City Judge John Rudd dropped unlawful assembly charges against [redacted] He also dropped same charge against [redacted] after early testimony indicated the three local sympathizers for the northern group were moving to comply with the dispersal order at the airport terminal when arrested.

Each of the ten Interfaith members took the stand during the course of their defense, handled by Attorneys [redacted] retained by the Florida Civil Liberties Union of Miami, Florida, and each identified himself - some with long lists of college degrees, pastorates and book authorships - and testified about making up a party sponsored and partially financed by the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), for a tour of Southern cities from Washington to Tallahassee to test bus and airport terminal facilities.

Some also said that, as clergymen, they wanted to bear witness to their support of racial integration efforts.

There was no contention during the trial that the party was disorderly at the airport, but both Police Chief F. Stoutamire and City Manager Arvah Hopkins testified that, in their judgment, continued presence of the group and the attendant publicity and rumors were creating public sentiment which called for a dispersal order. Although Judge Rudd commented several times that conditions surrounding the closing of the restaurant had no material bearing on the charge of unlawful assembly which was before him, defense lawyers were allowed to put lengthy testimony about it into the record. Members of the Interfaith Group testified they were told the restaurant was closed for cleaning and would re-open later in the afternoon. The defense called [redacted]

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[redacted] the restaurant, who testified he decided to close the restaurant for repairs after talking to City Manager Arvah Hopkins. Hopkins, also called by the defense, said he had discussed the closing for repairs with [redacted] and that the presence of the demonstrators in town had a minor part in the decision. He stated, "Since they had to close for repairs anyway, it might be the best time to do it during the time the bus riders were here."

The prosecution was handled by Ed Hill, City Prosecutor, and James Messer, City Attorney. At one point in the trial, Messer asked one of the Negro ministers how there could be racial discrimination when both the whits and Negro restaurant service facilities were closed. The minister replied that the facilities were separated and that while there were tables and seats for white people, there were only a few stools for Negroes. Messer also asked several of the defendants why, if they came only to test facilities, they remained after finding the restaurant closed. [redacted] answered that it became a matter of personal honor. Another said he didn't consider that finding the restaurant closed was a sufficient test.

[redacted] spokesman for the group, testified that he was talking on the telephone to an Assistant U. S. Attorney General in Washington but interrupted the conversation when another member of his party informed him the police were arriving to arrest them. There was no testimony on the nature of [redacted] conversation with Washington.

City Attorney Messer testified at the opening of the trial that Governor Bryant of Florida had relayed to city officials a request from Attorney General Kennedy to hold off action for two hours so he could have time to ask the northerners to leave town.

The opening of the trial was consumed by Messer in a recitation of the events of the two days preceding the arrest of the defendants at the airport after they had ignored an order read to them by Messer which directed them to disperse because their activities were creating a danger of public disorder.

unlawful assembly for their refusal to obey a police order to disperse after nearly two days of waiting to be served at the restaurant, which had been closed to members of both races. The fine of $500 or 60 days in jail is the maximum allowed for the offense. There is no provision for a jury in city court.

The ten members of the Interfaith Group made no comment upon being sentenced and filed quietly out of the court room to the police station nearby where all ten posted appeal bonds of $1,000 each through local bondsman [redacted]

Judge Rudd handed out a five day mandatory jail sentence and $200 fine or 60 days in jail sentence to [redacted] year old local [redacted] from Florida A &/M University at Tallahassee, on charges of interfering with a police officer and resisting arrest. Rudd also ordered her to serve a 30-day jail sentence for [redacted] upon her conviction of disturbing the peace in a lunch counter sit-in demonstration. [redacted] bond was also posted for her and she was released with the others.

The clergymen, who were convicted and fined above, were identified as:

[redacted] New Jersey.

[redacted] New Jersey.

[redacted] Connecticut.

[redacted] New York, New York.

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[redacted] New York. [redacted] New York. [redacted] New Jersey. [redacted] Massachusetts. [redacted]

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After leaving the Tallahassee police station following posting of appeal bonds, the group entered automobiles of [redacted] all prominent local Negro integration leaders, and proceeded directly to [redacted] 1405 Melvin Street where they remained until about 11:20 p.m. at which time the ten members of the northern Interfaith Group arrived at the airport with local integration leaders. Two Sheriff's Office cruisers accompanied the group to the terminal. All ten members had earlier confirmed reservations on National Airlines Flight Number 314 leaving Tallahassee at 11:42 p.m. on June 22, 1961, for Jacksonville, Florida, with connecting flights from Jacksonville to both New York and Washington, D. C. The group left Tallahassee as scheduled.

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There were no incidents of any kind upon arrival back in Tallahassee by this group, prior to or during the trial, or prior to their departure from Tallahassee on their return North.

Five members of the group departed from Jacksonville, Florida, airport at 1:05 a.m., June 23, 1961, on Eastern Airlines Flight Number 842. The destination of two members of the group was Washington, D. C., while the destination of the other three members was Newark, New Jersey.

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The remaining five members of the group left Jacksonville, Florida, at 5:35 a.m. on June 23, 1961, via National Airlines Flight Number 114 for New York, New York. No incidents occurred while the group was in Jacksonville, Florida.

All pertinent information in this regard was furnished immediately to Special Agent [redacted] Military Intelligence (CIC), Tallahassee, Florida, on a continuing basis.

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FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-90/ 1P

0 FREEDOM RIDERS MISCELLANEOUS

CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY, RM. RE NEW ORLEANS TEL JUNE TWENTY NINE LAST. ON JUNE TWENTYNINE LAST CORE HELD PUBLIC MEETING ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED PERSONS TO SOLICIT SUPPORT AND MAKE PLANS FOR PICKETING OF OFFICE OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION ON JULY FOUR NEXT. SOME PRESENT IDENTIFIED AS MEMBER OF THE CONSUMERS LEAGUE. PLANS CALL FOR PARADE TO LEAVE ST. JAMES AME CHURCH, TWO TWO TWO NORTH ROMAN ST., NINE AM, DOWN CANAL ST., AND OVER ST. CHARLES ST. TO MASONIC TEMPLE BUILDING, WHERE PICKETING WILL BEGIN AT TEN AM AND CONTINUE UNTIL ELEVEN AM.

[redacted] CORE, NEW ORLEANS, ADVISED TODAY DEMONSTRATORS WILL BE AT LEAST FIFTY OF WHICH SOME WILL BE MEMBERS CONSUMERS LEAGUE. HE DOES NOT KNOW IF NAACP OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WILL JOIN. PLACARDS WILL SUPPORT FREEDOM RIDERS AND DEMAND DESEGREGATION OF TRAVEL FACILITIES BY ICC. OFFICIALS OF NAACP, NEW ORLEANS, TODAY INFORMED NO ONE ONE EIGHT FOUR CS PAREN RAC PAREN NAACP , NEW ORLEANS, HAS NO PLANS FOR ANY ACTIVITY PRIOR TO THEIR MEETING ON JULY SEVEN NEXT. ICC, GSA, CIC, AND PD, NEW ORLEANS AND LOUISIANA STATE POLICE ADVISED.

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FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-NEW/ 2P

Freedom Riders - Misc

FREEBUS. RE PHONE CALL JACKSON RA TO BUREAU JULY FIVE. JACKSON, MISS. PD ADVISED THREE FR ARRESTED TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL JACKSON TWO PM, JULY FIVE, AFTER ENTERING WHITE WAITING ROOM OF TERMINAL FROM STREET. FR TOLD PD THEY INTENDED TO PURCHASE BUS TICKETS. ALL ARRESTED BREACH OF PEACE WHEN FAILED TO MOVE ON AT ORDERS OF PD. NO INCIDENTS. FR REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS THAT THEY WERE PROTESTING SECOND CLASS CITIZENSHIP. NO DATE SET FOR TRIAL. FR ARRESTED ARE [redacted] JACKSON, MISS., [redacted] BORN [redacted] MISS., [redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR, STUDENT LANIER HIGH SCHOOL, JACKSON, MEMBER NAACP. [redacted] BORN [redacted] MISS., [redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR, STUDENT LANIER HIGH SCHOOL, JACKSON, ARRESTED JACKSON PD [redacted] ARRESTED JACKSON PD [redacted]

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[redacted] BORN [redacted] MISS., [redacted]

[redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR, STUDENT

LANIER HIGH SCHOOL, ARRESTED JACKSON PD [redacted]

THE FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FIVE PM, JULY FIVE. NO FR RELEASED BOND OR OTHERWISE SINCE JULY FOUR SUMMARY. TOTAL ARRESTED ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO. OUT ON BOND SIX SIX. PAID FINES FOUR. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE. NET IN CUSTODY ONE ZERO ONE. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT JACKSON CITY AND HINDS COUNTY JAILS.

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Source at Delta Airlines advised MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and well known Negro leader, has confirmation for Delta Flight 711 from Atlanta, Georgia, to Jackson, Mississippi, on 7/6/61. He will return to Atlanta on 7/7/61 on Delta Flight #720.

NEW ORLEANS

AT JACKSON, MISS.

Notify appropriate authorities.

For information Bureau, Mobile and Birmingham.

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FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-264 1P

FREEDOM RIDERS- MISCELLANEOUS

FREEBUS, RM, CR. [redacted] CORE, NEW ORLEANS TODAY ADVISED [redacted]

[redacted] AGE [redacted]

[redacted] FROM CALIFORNIA, WHO FAILED TO DEPART WITH FREEDOM RIDERS NEW ORLEANS TO JACKSON ON JUNE TWENTYFIVE LAST, LEFT NEW ORLEANS THIS MORNING ENROUTE MONTGOMERY, ALA., VIA GREYHOUND BUS ARRIVING MONTGOMERY SIX EIGHTEEN PM TODAY. HE WILL JOIN TWO RIDERS PRESENTLY IN MONTGOMERY AND POSSIBLY OTHERS WHO MAY ARRIVE MONTGOMERY TO FORM A GROUP OF THREE OR MORE DEPARTING MONTGOMERY MORNING JULY TWO NEXT AS FREEDOM RIDERS TO JACKSON, MISS., PROBABLY BY BUS. JACKSON PD AND MISS. STATE POLICE ADVISED. MOBILE IDENTIFY GROUP AND TRAVEL PLANS AND SUTEL NEW ORLEANS

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The Attorney General

July 3, 1961

Director, FBI

Freedom Riders - Racial

FREEDOM RIDE 1961
RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF
AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES; CIVIL RIGHTS

Five freedom riders traveled from Montgomery, Alabama, to Jackson, Mississippi, by Trailways bus on July 2, 1961. They were arrested when they entered the white waiting room in the Jackson bus depot and refused to comply with instructions of the police that they move on.

One hundred sixty-nine freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson since May 24, 1961. Sixty-two have been released on bond, four have been released upon the payment of fines and one has been released without the filing of charges. One hundred two remain in custody.

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., has reservations to travel by air from Atlanta, Georgia, to Jackson, Mississippi on July 6, 1961, returning to Atlanta on July 7, 1961.

It has been alleged that an unidentified group of Negroes may attempt to integrate the public park at Okolona, Mississippi, on July 4, 1961.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Memphis, Tennessee, has recently been sponsoring a weekly march on Main Street to protest various aspects of segregation in Memphis. Information has now been received indicating that Negroes plan to test restaurants, swimming pools and theaters in Memphis on July 4, 1961. Chief of Police James C. Macdonald is of the opinion that if the Negroes continue such activities it will only be a matter of time until there is racial trouble in Memphis.

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The local press in Detroit, Michigan, has reported that Mayor Orville L. Hubbard, Dearborn, Michigan, received a telegram from the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, Atlanta, Georgia. The telegram requested permission for an integrated group of ministers to visit Dearborn, apparently for the purpose of determining whether housing is segregated.

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It was indicated that the contemplated visit is in connection with a church convention to be held in Detroit on September 16, 1961.

The Detroit press has also reported that the Ann Arbor, Michigan, Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) has announced a proposed trip to Dearborn to investigate public facilities. Mayor Hubbard reportedly referred to the CORE representatives as "freedom clowns" and said, "I don't want them coming here to stir up trouble, but if they obey the traffic laws, don't make noise or throw junk on the streets, they'll be treated all right."

The Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., received information at 10:30 a.m., July 2, 1961, indicating that a bomb would explode at the Greyhound bus station in Washington at noon on July 2, 1961. A complete search of the bus station failed to locate any bomb.

Further pertinent developments will be promptly brought to the attention of the Department.

1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Burke Marshall

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Herbert J. Miller, Jr.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 29, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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[redacted] SYNOPSIS

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One hundred sixty-four freedom riders arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, since 5/24/61. Fifty-eight released on bond, four released after paying fines, one released without charges and one hundred one remain in custody.

Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee is opening office at Jackson to provide better coordination of activities.

No corroboration has been received regarding information previously reported that 2000 freedom riders would allegedly appear in Mississippi during week of 7/4/61. It was also alleged Mississippi officials plan to arrest any U. S. Marshals who may be used during this period.

Colonel T. B. Birdsong, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP), said he had not heard rumors regarding plans to arrest U. S. Marshals. He added, "That is crazy."

M. B. Pierce, Chief of Detectives, Jackson, has made discreet inquiry and believes rumor started from a remark by Evangelist Billy J. Hargis, who spoke at Jackson about two weeks after freedom rides started. Hargis stated that 2000 to 2500 freedom riders would come to Jackson and Pierce believes Hargis made the statement to obtain publicity.

Sources in New Orleans, including contacts in the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), have no information regarding any mass freedom ride.

A small group of freedom riders will travel from Nashville to Jackson sometime during the weekend of 7/1/61.

CORE, New Orleans, plans a parade and one-hour demonstration 7/4/61. Marchers will carry placards to the offices of Illinois Central Railroad. Placards will demand desegregation of travel facilities by the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC).

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

Other groups which may join with CORE in 7/4/61 demonstration at New Orleans include Consumers League, NAACP, Negro fraternal organizations, and possibly graduate chapters of Negro college fraternities. Local authorities have been advised.

Three hundred members of CORE, Washington, D. C., plan to assemble on the Mall at 11 AM, 7/4/61. They will proceed to Judiciary Square with signs protesting the arrest of freedom riders. The protest will be directed against the states rather than the Federal Government. Law enforcement and intelligence agencies advised.

Joseph Rauh, Washington attorney and an official of Americans for Democratic Action, has been invited to speak at Judiciary Square 7/4/61 but has not indicated whether he will do so.

Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington, D. C. Chapter of CORE, stated no Federal buildings in Washington will be picketed 7/4/61. He also said CORE groups throughout the country plan to demonstrate 7/4/61. All offices advised.

Hobson has recommended to CORE national headquarters that freedom rides be discontinued. He believes fact of segregation in Southern transportation facilities has been established and legal action should now be taken to effect integration.

Washington, D. C. Chapter of CORE will not sponsor future freedom rides but will devote its activities to housing matters in Washington, D. C.

A hearing has been scheduled U. S. District Court, Tallahassee 7/18/61 regarding suit by three Negro ministers seeking to integrate the airport restaurant at Tallahassee.

ACTION:

A memorandum is being prepared for the Attorney General.

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

DETAILS

One hundred sixty-four freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, since 5/24/61. Fifty-eight have been released on bond, four have been released after paying fines, one has been released without charges being filed and one hundred one remain in custody.

[redacted] Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Jackson, Mississippi, advised that as a result of the Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee meeting which was held at Jackson 6/27/61, an office is being opened in Jackson to provide better coordination for freedom-ride activities. The office will be staffed by [redacted] and three others whose identities are not known to [redacted] at this time.

It has previously been reported that the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission allegedly wrote Lieutenant Governor Paul D. Johnson of Mississippi to the effect that 2000 freedom riders from New York and Chicago will appear in all major cities in Mississippi during the week of 7/4/61. Information was received in this regard that all Mississippi State Police had been ordered to remain in duty status from 7/1/61 through 7/9/61. It was also alleged that Mississippi officials plan to arrest any U. S. Marshals who may be used in connection with freedom-ride activities during this period. G-2 has advised that most National Guard units in northern Mississippi have been ordered to summer camp beginning 7/2/61.

Colonel T. B. Birdsong, Commissioner, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol (MHSP), advised on 6/28/61 that he has received no information concerning the alleged freedom ride by 2000 people. Colonel Birdsong also stated that all MHSP patrolmen will be on duty from 7/1/61 through 7/4/61 as a traffic control measure to reduce traffic fatalities over the holiday weekend. This is done every year as a matter of standard procedure.

With regard to the rumors that U. S. Marshals would be arrested in Mississippi, Colonel Birdsong said that he had not heard any such rumors and remarked, "That is crazy."

Sam Ivy, Director, Identification Bureau, MHSP, former Bureau Agent, advised that he had received no information regarding the alleged mass freedom ride and that such information would probably have come to his attention if developed through Mississippi State sources.

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

M. B. Pierce, Chief of Detectives, Jackson, Mississippi, advised on 6/28/61 that the letter which the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission reportedly wrote to the Lieutenant Governor was based upon a rumor to the effect that Evangelist Billy J. Hargis allegedly had stated that between 2000 and 2500 freedom riders would arrive in Mississippi during the week of 7/4/61. Pierce said this information was apparently only a rumor. (Additional information from Pierce appears on page 5.)

Bureau sources in New Orleans, including contacts in CORE and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), have no information indicating any mass freedom ride into Mississippi. [redacted] advised on 6/28/61 that a small group of freedom riders will travel from Nashville, Tennessee, to Jackson, Mississippi, sometime during the weekend of 7/1/61. He had no further details at this time.

[redacted] New Orleans Chapter of CORE, advised on 6/28/61 that CORE will demonstrate in New Orleans on 7/4/61. They plan a demonstration between 10 AM and 11 AM with a parade from the St. James A. M. E. Church to the offices of the Illinois Central Railroad. The marchers will carry placards supporting the freedom riders and demanding desegregation of travel facilities by the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC). At least ten members of CORE will participate and they may be joined by representatives of the Consumers League, the NAACP, Negro fraternal organizations, and possibly graduate chapters of Negro college fraternities. Local authorities have been advised.

Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington, D. C. Chapter, CORE, advised on 6/28/61 that 300 local members of CORE will assemble on the Mall at 11 AM, 7/4/61. They will proceed to Judiciary Square, 5th and E Streets, Northeast, carrying signs protesting the recent arrests of freedom riders in the South. The protest will be directed against the states rather than against the Federal Government. Joseph Rauh, Washington attorney and an official of Americans for Democratic Action, has been invited to speak at Judiciary Square but has not indicated whether he will do so. Appropriate law enforcement and intelligence agencies have been advised of the demonstration.

According to Hobson CORE groups throughout the country plan to hold demonstrations on 7/4/61. The original plan for the Washington group included a demonstration in front of the ICC but this was abandoned as Hobson felt that it would be in poor taste to demonstrate in front of a Federal building.

Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

Hobson said that CORE members feel the Federal Government is doing all in its power to promote racial equality. In this regard he made reference to legal action being taken by the Department to integrate restaurants in Louisiana. (All offices have been advised of CORE demonstrations scheduled for 7/4/61.

Hobson commented that he has recommended to national headquarters of CORE that the freedom rides be discontinued because of a shortage of funds and also because he feels that CORE has proven that segregation exists in transportation facilities in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. He believes that legal action should now be taken in these states to effect integration of transportation facilities. The Washington Chapter of CORE will not sponsor future freedom rides and will devote its activities to housing matters in Washington, D. C.

M. B. Pierce, Chief of Detectives, Jackson, Mississippi, has now advised that as a result of discreet inquiries he believes that the rumors concerning the 2000 freedom riders originated in the following manner:

Evangelist Billy J. Hargis held a meeting in Jackson in which he made reference to the freedom riders and said that 2000 or 2500 of them would come to Jackson. Pierce was not able to determine the exact date of this meeting but said that it was about two weeks after the freedom rides had started. He is of the opinion that Hargis, who uses an anticommunist theme in his meetings, made the statement to obtain publicity and that segregationists present at the meeting may have been responsible for passing on the information.

It has previously been reported that a suit was filed in U. S. District Court, Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of three Negro ministers seeking integration of the airport restaurant at Tallahassee. A hearing has been scheduled for 7/18/61 before U. S. District Judge G. Harrold Carswell.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-81)

SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC
RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Chicago teletype to Director dated 6/3/61 captioned "FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS" and Chicago teletype to Director dated 6/20/61 captioned "UNSUB; [redacted] VICTIM, EXTORTION - FREEDOM RIDERS, RACIAL MATTERS".

Submitted herewith is the original and 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth details concerning captioned matter.

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FREEDOM RIDERS

On June 20, 1961, Lieutenant [redacted] Chicago Police Department, furnished the Chicago Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, with a photostat of an obscene threatening letter addressed to [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. The envelope is postmarked June 11, 1961, at Chicago, Illinois, and bears the return address of "Chicago Daily News, 401 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago 11, Illinois." The letter consists of two handwritten pages and is unsigned.

The letter ridiculed [redacted] in obscene terms and charged him with being lazy, crooked, unjust, deceitful, etc.

Contained in the letter is the threat "I will finish you in ten seconds forever fast, quickly, and very quietly. When I put my strong powerful left forearm under your chin, snapping your head back, stifling your voice. Then with my strong young right hand and sharp razor I will cut your throat deeply from ear to ear."

The letter also threatens [redacted] "You better leave town forever, get a job somewhere, hide out and keep quiet for ever if you want to live."

The "Chicago Daily Tribune", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, edition of June 6, 1961, contains an article captioned "Chicago Pastor Quits as a 'Freedom Rider'". This article which bears the dateline

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Jackson, Mississippi, June 5, states,"A white minister from Chicago, who came down South and joined the 'Freedom Riders' announced today he is disillusioned and is severing all connections with the movement.

"'I advise anyone thinking of joining the Riders to look them over carefully,' said the Reverend Richard Gleason, 24, who conducts a mission and has worked for several years with Negro delinquents on Chicago's South Side.

"The Baptist minister said he was shocked when he discovered the background of some of his companions on the 'Freedom Ride' and their attitudes towards Communism, atheism and police records.

"Gleason was among thirteen 'Freedom Riders' arrested here Friday in two groups when they arrived from Montgomery, Alabama. With the others,he was fined $200 and given a 60 day suspended jail sentence today for breach of peace. All were returned to jail pending payment of the fines.

"'I had expected a high type of people' he said. 'I am disappointed with their caliber. I will not knowingly associate with any questionable group.'

"Gleason said police who had fingerprinted the arrested Riders and obtained records of some from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, told him about 'the persons in my party'".

"He said he was informed that several had police records, that one had been arrested on theft charges, that another had served five months for being AWOL from Fort Dix, New Jersey, and another had a dishonorable discharge from military service.

"'I went back to the cell' the minister related, 'and asked them about the records. I asked them if these charges were true. They said, 'Yes, what's wrong with that? What difference does it make what kind of record we have if we're doing a good job?' '."[12]

On June 21, 1961, details concerning this matter were furnished to [redacted] Region I, United States Army Operations Group, Chicago, Illinois. b6 b7C

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-140)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS
RM, MEMPHIS DIVISION

Freedom Rides - Misc

Transmitted herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth developments in instant case. Copy being disseminated locally to G-2 by separate communication.

On 6/28/61, [redacted] 111th CIC Detachment, Memphis, Tennessee, was advised of the above information.

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Memphis, Tennessee
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RE: FREEBUS

On June 28, 1961, CIC Agent [redacted] who is stationed in Columbus, Mississippi, but whose headquarters is 111th CIC Detachment, Fort McClellan, Alabama, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] of the Columbus, Mississippi, Resident Agency.

CIC Agent [redacted] advised he had received information from a confidential source that two thousand Freedom Riders are expected to arrive in Mississippi during the week of July 4, 1961. All major cities in Mississippi will be involved and the Freedom Riders plan to arrive by train, bus, and by plane.

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RE: FREEBUS, RM, CR
Freedom Riders - Misc.

Re Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated 6/26/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned [redacted] Six copies of the letterhead memorandum are enclosed for the New Orleans Office.

The sources used in the letterhead memorandum are as follows:

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The 6/26/61, issue of the "Los Angeles Times", a daily Los Angeles newspaper, carried an article captioned "Freedom Riders' from California Arrested" which reflects that one Mrs. LOUISE JEAN INGHRAM, 26, white, housewife, and one MARY LUCILLE HAMILTON, 25, Negro, grammar school teacher, were among those arrested in Jackson, Mississippi, Sunday last, after refusing to leave a segregated waiting room at the Illinois Central Depot.

[redacted] referred to in enclosed letterhead memorandum, whom are believed to be identical to [redacted] are both included in the Security Index, Los Angeles, Bureau files [redacted] respectively, and Los Angeles files [redacted] respectively.

Following are descriptions of [redacted]

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LEADS

NEW ORLEANS

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI: Will obtain photographs of the [redacted] arrested 6/25/61, at Jackson, Mississippi, and forward same to Los Angeles for exhibition to PSI.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.: Will, upon receipt of photographs from New Orleans, exhibit same to PSI to ascertain if the persons depicted are identical to subjects [redacted]

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On June 9, 1961, a confidential source advised that, judging from their attendance at Los Angeles News and Letters
(U) Committee (LANLC) meetings, [redacted] were believed to be LANLC members. The source further advised that, as of June, 1961, [redacted] the LANLC. (C)

The Johnson-Forest Group (JFG) has been designated by the Attorney General of the U. S. pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On August 1, 1958, a second confidential source advised that as a result of the split within the JFG, which occurred in 1955, two factions emerged -- the Johnson Faction and the Forest Faction. The Johnson Faction is composed of the followers of [redacted] also known as [redacted] and the Forest Faction is composed of the followers of [redacted] also known as [redacted] The co-founders of the JFG were [redacted] known as [redacted]
(U) who was deported from the United States as an undesirable alien in 1953, and [redacted] known as [redacted] (C)

On September 10, 1957, a third and fourth confidential source advised that the Forest Faction of the JFG was known as the News and Letters Committees (NLC) of which [redacted] was referred to as [redacted] is also known
(U) [redacted] "News and Letters" is an official publication of the NLC. (C)

On June 26, 1961, the first confidential source advised that the LANLC, also known as the Los Angeles Party of NLC, is a chapter of and affiliated with the NLC whose headquarters are in Detroit, Michigan. The source further
(U) advised the aims and purposes of the LANLC are identical to those of the NLC and that the LANLC was then currently active. (C)

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The Attorney General July 5, 1961

Director, FBI

Freedom Riders - Misc.

FREEDOM RIDS 1961
RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF
AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES; CIVIL RIGHTS

The five freedom riders who were arrested at Jackson, Mississippi, on July 2, 1961, were convicted of breach of the peace on July 3, 1961. Each was sentenced to serve four months in jail and was fined $200.

One hundred sixty-nine freedom riders have been arrested at Jackson since May 24, 1961. Sixty-six have been released on bond, four have been released upon the payment of fines and one has been released without the filing of charges. Ninety-eight remain in custody.

James Leonard Farmer, National Director, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), who was arrested as a freedom rider at Jackson, Mississippi, on May 24, 1961, was released on bond on July 3, 1961. Upon his release he held a news conference in which he stated that although none of the freedom riders was beaten at the Mississippi State Penitentiary, they were allegedly subjected to psychological cruelty. He complained of ill-fitting clothing, lights being turned on all night and the removal of mattresses as punishment for singing. He further stated that the freedom rides will continue and will expand to new fields although he did not elaborate upon this point.

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James McCain, Senior Field Representative, CORE, New Orleans, told reporters that the recent slow-down in freedom rides to Jackson, Mississippi, was caused by the time that is required to achieve more effective screening of prospective freedom riders.

U. S. District Judge Bize has denied a petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed at Jackson, Mississippi, by [redacted] who was arrested as a freedom rider on June 2, 1961. Judge Bize is retaining jurisdiction until state remedies have been exhausted and attorneys for the petitioners have filed a motion for a certificate of probable cause in order to appeal the action taken by Judge Bize.

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Information has been received indicating that the Students for Integration Committee at the University of Minnesota has stated that another group of freedom riders may proceed to Nashville and then to Mississippi later this month.

[redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, has advised that Reverend Martin Luther King will be the principal speaker at an organizational meeting of the Jackson Nonviolent Movement to be held at Jackson, Mississippi, on July 6, 1961. A large attendance is anticipated.

The CORE demonstration in Washington, D. C., on July 4, 1961, consisted of a march from the Mall to Judiciary Square by fifty-four people. They were led by Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington, D. C. Chapter of CORE. The group carried placards calling for racial equality as well as freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom of "ride."

The CORE demonstration which had been scheduled in Los Angeles for July 4, 1961 was canceled. It has been reported that the organization was unable to obtain demonstrators and also it was believed that it would not be realized that they were picketing a Government office since the office of the Interstate Commerce Commission is in a private office building that houses no other Government agency.

The Masonic Temple building in New Orleans which houses the Interstate Commerce Commission as well as the FBI and other Federal agencies was picketed by CORE on July 4, 1961.

Negroes approached swimming pools in state parks at Jacksboro, Tennessee and Union County, Tennessee, on July 4, 1961. The pool at Jacksboro was closed by the management and at the park in Union County the Negroes were informed that since no law enforcement officers were present the park superintendent could not be responsible for any injuries that might result in the event of violence. The Negroes then departed and there were no incidents at either park.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has reportedly been sponsoring demonstrations at

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The Attorney General

Rainbow Coach in Chicago and plans additional demonstrations on July 8, 1961, and July 16, 1961. Information has been received indicating the NAACP anticipates that CORE will participate in the demonstrations on July 16, 1961.

At a recent meeting of section organizers of the Southern California District Communist Party, it allegedly was agreed that the Freedom riders should be supported through financial contributions and physical participation, where possible.

Communist Party members in St. Louis are currently distributing a flyer headed, "Support the Freedom Riders." This flyer is inscribed, "Issued by the Communist Party of Missouri." It demands the arrest and prosecution of Governor Patterson of Alabama and other state officials. It also demands the prosecution of officers of the Klan and white citizens councils and calls for the President to issue an Executive Order outlawing the Jim Crow system. The reader is urged to join in the freedom rides.

Three Communist Party members allegedly attempted to organize a rally for freedom riders to be held at Philadelphia on July 4, 1961. The rally was not held. The rally was alleged to have the sponsorship of the NAACP which reportedly withdrew support upon learning that the demonstration was being organized by a communist element.

Further developments will be promptly brought to the attention of the Department.

1 - Mr. Byron R. White
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RACIAL MATTER Freedom Riders - Misc

ReBurads to all Field Divisions, 6/21/61 and 6/22/61, and Detroit letter to Bureau, 6/27/61.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to a planned CORE demonstration to be held at Dearborn, Mich., during 7/61.

For the info of the Bureau, indices of Detroit Office contain no references to [redacted] other than that contained in enclosed letterhead memoranda.

Local authorities and racial Informants have been alerted to the demonstration mentioned in enclosed letterhead memoranda, and the Bureau will be immediately advised of any incidents.

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Re: Congress of Racial Equality
Racial Matter

The "Detroit Free Press", a metropolitan newspaper published locally in Detroit, Michigan, in its June 28, 1961, Metro Final Edition, on page 9, columns 4 and 5, contained an article captioned "Hubbard to Greet Them", subcaptioned "Freedom Riders Plan Trip to Dearborn", which reads as follows:

"Freedom Riders are planning a trip into Dearborn, and Mayor Orville Hubbard says he'll meet them on the City Hall steps.

"The trip into the all-white suburb was announced Tuesday by the Ann Arbor chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality.

"Judy Yesner, research assistant at the University of Michigan Medical Center and chairman of the Ann Arbor CORE chapter, said the trip would be made in July.

"Miss Yesner said she expects about 40 members of the Ann Arbor and Detroit CORE chapters to take part.

"She said the purpose is to investigate 'segregated public facilities.'

"'There is no such animal in Dearborn,' Hubbard said. 'It sounds like some freedom clowns trying to make some trouble.

"'I don't want them coming here to stir up trouble. But if they obey the traffic laws, don't make noise or throw junk on the streets, they'll be treated all right.

"'The mayor will meet them in front of City Hall,' the mayor said."

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Re: Congress of Racial Equality

The "Michigan Daily", a University of Michigan student publication, published at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in its May 7, 1961, edition on page 1, columns 1 - 3, contained an article captioned "AADAC Pickets Stores on Campus Downtown".

The above article advised that 25 pickets had participated in a two and a half hour demonstration on May 7, 1961, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, which demonstration was sponsored by the Ann Arbor Direct Action Committee, the local affiliate of the National Congress of Racial Equality. Instant article advised that Judith Yesner, a graduate at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, was the spokesman for the AADAC - CORE.

Detective [redacted] Redford Post, Michigan State Police, and [redacted] 113th CIC, Region IV, Detroit, Michigan, was advised of the planned CORE demonstration at Dearborn, Michigan, at 1:15 PM on June 28, 1961.

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UNSUB., [redacted] FREEDOM RIDERS DASH RACIAL MATTERS. CHICAGO PD TODAY MAILED TO CHICAGO OFFICE PHOTOSTAT OF OBSCENE THREATENING LETTER ADDRESSED TO VICTIM AND POSTMARKED SIX ELEVEN SIXTY ONE. INQUIRY AT PD DETERMINED CHICAGO CRIME LAB PROCESSING ORIGINAL. PD GUARDING VICTIM AND CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION. VICTIM ALLEGED TO BE QUOTE FREEDOM RIDER END QUOTE WHO DENOUNCED FREEDOM RIDER CAUSE AS COMMUNIST INSPIRED. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED. DETAILED AIRTEL AND LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOW.

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[redacted] TRIED BEFORE JUDGE LEWIS O. MYERS, MARION COUNTY COURT, OCALA, FLA., JULY FIVE INSTANT AND JURY LATE ON PM INSTANT DATE RETURNED GUILTY VERDICT AGAINST SMITH ON CHARGE OF UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. JUDGE MYERS TEMPORARILY POSTPONED SENTENCING. CASES AGAINST [redacted] CONTINUED UNTIL JULY SIX AND SEVEN SESSIONS OF COURT. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF OUTCOME OF CASES.

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TITLE OF CASE
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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961
DEETA AIRLINES FLIGHT #409
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
JUNE 8, 1961

Report made by: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON
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Synopsis:

Freedom Riders - misc

The title of this case was originally carried as "PROPOSED FREEDOM RIDE FROM ATLANTA, GA. TO JACKSON, MISS., JUNE 7, 1961." Title has been changed to conform to actual place where ride originated and date terminating at Jackson, Miss.

REFERENCES:

Bureau tel to Atlanta, 6/6/61, captioned "Proposed Freedom Ride from Atlanta, Ga. to Jackson, Miss., June 7, 1961, RM, Contempt of Court Order, CR."
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AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. Will follow and report local prosecutive action regarding [redacted].

ADMINISTRATIVE:

An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Jackson.

This case is being placed to a Pending Inactive Assigned Status in the New Orleans Office until 8/14/61 at which time bond is returnable for both [redacted] in County Court, Hinds County, Jackson, Miss.

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DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT #409
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO
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JUNE 8, 1961

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Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS;
CONTEMPT OF COURT ORDER

Synopsis:

[redacted] of New York State Legislature, and [redacted] arrived Jackson, Miss. via Delta Airlines Flight #409, at 9:02 a.m., 6/8/61. Both arrested by Jackson PD at Airport Terminal when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. Both charged with breach of the peace. No incidents at time of arrest. Both tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 6/8/61, and after not guilty pleasewere convicted of violation S. 2087.5, Miss. Code. Both sentenced to 4 months and fined $200. 60 days of the jail sentence was suspended. No incidents during trial. Both released on $500 cash appeal bond, 6/8/61, returnable County Court, Jackson, Miss., 8/14/61.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by the Mobile Office of the FBI on June 8, 1961 advising that [redacted] departed Montgomery, Alabama en route to Jackson, Mississippi at 7:43 a.m., June 8, 1961 via Delta Airlines Flight #409, due to arrive at Jackson, Mississippi, 9:02 a.m., June 8, 1961.

By communication dated June 6, 1961, the Bureau advised that the Department of Justice has received a telegram from [redacted] New York City, [redacted] of the New York State Legislature, stating that he and [redacted] of the New York Bar and [redacted] the New York Chapter of the NAACP, planned to leave Newark, New Jersey by plane, 6:00 p.m.,

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June 6, 1961 en route Atlanta, Georgia and Jackson, Mississippi. [redacted] states he views with alarm the unlawful interference with residents of New York by Alabama and Mississippi authorities, and he and [redacted] are going to Alabama and Mississippi to investigate the situation and give legal counsel to individuals unlawfully detained by state authorities. [redacted] are scheduled to arrive at Atlanta, Georgia, 7:43 p.m., June 6, 1961. Thereafter, they will proceed by bus to Montgomery, Alabama and on the forenoon of June 7, 1961 they plan to proceed to Jackson, Mississippi. According to [redacted] he and [redacted] plan to use all facilities available to persons traveling within the U. S.

By communication dated June 6, 1961, the Newark Office advised that [redacted] departed the Newark Airport aboard Eastern Airlines Flight #515 at 6:00 p.m., June 6, 1961, for Atlanta, Georgia.

By communication dated June 7, 1961, the Atlanta Office advised that [redacted] arrived Atlanta on Eastern Airlines Flight #515 at 7:40 p.m., June 6, 1961. They proceeded to 197½ Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, which is the office of the Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee, which was set up by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Student-Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and Congress of Racial Equality.

By communication dated June 7, 1961, the Atlanta Office advised that [redacted] departed on Greyhound bus at 7:15 a.m., June 7, 1961, en route Montgomery, Alabama, due to arrive Montgomery 11:40 a.m., June 7, 1961.

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At 8:00 a.m., Assistant Chief of Police M. B. PIERCE (NA), Jackson Police Department, was advised that [redacted] both from New York City, would arrive in Jackson, Mississippi via Delta Airlines Flight #409 at 9:02 a.m. from Birmingham, Alabama.

PIERCE was advised of the description of the above persons.

On 6/8/61 at Jackson, Miss. File # 157-292

by SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II /dfs Date dictated 6/8/61

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At 2:40 p.m., SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II advised [redacted] to Governor ROSS R. BARNETT in the absence of Governor BARNETT, that [redacted] New York City, [redacted] the New York State Legislature and [redacted] New York Bar and who may [redacted] New York Chapter of the NAACP, plan to arrive in Atlanta, Georgia by plane the night of June 6, 1961 and depart the following day by bus to Montgomery, Alabama and Jackson, Mississippi, and to use "all facilities available to persons traveling within the U. S." and to investigate and give legal counsel to residents of New York state whom he declares are unlawfully detained by State authorities.

[redacted] was informed that the above plans were tentative and he stated he was sure that the Governor would appreciate being advised of this information.

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At 2:31 p.m., SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II advised Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner of Public Safety, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, that [redacted] New York City, [redacted] New York State Legislature, and [redacted] the New York Bar and who may [redacted] the New York Chapter of the NAACP, plan to arrive in Atlanta, Georgia by plane the night of June 6, 1961 and depart the following day by bus to Montgomery, Alabama and Jackson, Mississippi, and to use "all facilities available to persons traveling within the U. S." and to investigate and give legal counsel to residents of New York state whom he declares are unlawfully detained by State authorities.

Colonel BIRDSONG stated that upon being specifically advised of the identity of the bus upon which these persons are traveling, he would detail a unit of the MHSP to follow the bus from the Alabama line on to its destination. He said that in the event he was advised that any trouble was anticipated, he would assign additional personnel sufficient to handle the situation.

Colonel BIRDSONG was advised that the above plans were tentative and he requested to be notified when firm plans were made.

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The information regarding the proposed trip of [redacted] from New York to Jackson, Mississippi was telephonically furnished to Chief of Police O. A. BOOKER, Police Department, Meridian, Mississippi, at 3:02 p.m. and to Sheriff J. L. MORGAN, Meridian, at 5:17 p.m. It was furnished telephonically to Chief of Police CLYDE MANN, Newton, Mississippi, at 3:33 p.m.

On 6/6/61 at Meridian, Miss. File # 157-292

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The information that [redacted] were planning to come to Jackson, Mississippi from Montgomery, Alabama by air and would not be riding interstate bus was telephonically furnished Chief of Police O. A. BOOKER, Police Department, Meridian, Mississippi, at 6:20 p.m., to Sheriff J. L. MORGAN, Meridian, at 6:27 p.m. and to Chief of Police CLYDE MANN, Newton, Mississippi at 8:50 p.m.

On 6/7/61 at Meridian, Miss. File # 157-292

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At 7:56 a.m., June 8, 1961, the information that [redacted] were on Delta Airlines Flight #409 which would touch down at Meridian, Mississippi Airport at 8:53 a.m. was telephonically furnished Chief of Police O. A. BOOKER, Police Department, at 8:03 a.m. and to Deputy Sheriff [redacted] in the absence of Sheriff J. L. MORGAN at 8:10 a.m.

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Delta Airlines Flight #409 landed at Meridian Airport at 8:23 a.m. Deputy Sheriff [redacted] and Assistant Chief of Police [redacted] of the Meridian Police Department, along with several other officers were observed. Only passengers for Meridian disembarked. There were no incidents. The plane departed at 8:39 a.m.

On 6/8/61 at Meridian, Miss. File # 157-292

by SA [redacted] /dfs Date dictated 6/8/61

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At 8:31 a.m., June 8, 1961, SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II arrived at the Jackson Municipal Airport. Observation of the terminal building and surrounding area indicated that the normal operation of the terminal was in progress. Shortly after my arrival, Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department, and four uniformed officers of the Department arrived at the airport. At 8:50 a.m., Captain [redacted] and four officers were inside the terminal and one officer was on the outside boarding platform.

At 9:02 a.m., Delta Airlines Flight #409 from Atlanta, Georgia, Montgomery, Alabama and Meridian, Mississippi arrived and the passengers deplaned. I observed two individuals walking together from the plane, one a Negro male, the other a white male. These men entered the terminal building and walked towards the rest-room designated for white males and entered. Shortly thereafter, they came out of the rest room followed by Captain [redacted] and all walked to the section of the terminal in front of the Delta Air-lines Ticket Counter, where Captain [redacted] talked to them and then the two individuals, Captain [redacted] and two police officers walked to the front of the building and the two individuals were put in a Jackson Police Department automobile. Captain [redacted] was in this car which departed from the airport terminal building.

There were numerous reporters, both newspaper and tele-vision, present and about fifteen or twenty passengers in the terminal. No incidents occurred and the above incident took place in orderly fashion. I was not in a position to overhear any instructions or orders given by Captain [redacted] to these individuals either in the rest room or in the terminal lobby. The above individuals and Captain [redacted] left the terminal building at 9:09 a.m.

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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] both of New York, were arrested by Captain [redacted] Police Department, at the Municipal Airport Terminal Building, Jackson, Mississippi, on June 8, 1961. PIERCE advised that the time of arrest shown on the arrest records for these individuals was 9:30 a.m., however, this was the time they were booked at the Jackson Police Department and the actual arrest probably occurred about 20 minutes prior to that time. He said both were charged with breach of the peace by refusing to obey an officer. He said they had alighted from a plane and had walked together to the white men's rest room in the Terminal Building and after entering the rest room they came back into the waiting room and when Captain [redacted] advised them to move on, they told Captain [redacted] that they were going to sit down as they were interstate passengers. Captain [redacted] again ordered them to move on and when they refused he placed them under arrest.

PIERCE stated that they would be tried in Jackson Municipal Court the afternoon of June 8, 1961.

PIERCE furnished the following descriptive data pertaining to [redacted] from the Jackson Police Department files:

[redacted] Jackson PD [redacted] address - [redacted] New York, New York; [redacted] age [redacted] born - [redacted] New York. Height - [redacted] Weight [redacted] Eyes - [redacted] Hair [redacted] Build - [redacted] Complexion [redacted] Marital Status [redacted] Occupation [redacted] New York. Father [redacted] Mother [redacted] Education - Long Island University [redacted] Declined to furnish any information concerning prior arrests.

[redacted] Jackson PD [redacted] address [redacted] New York. New York; [redacted] age [redacted] born - [redacted] Texas. Height [redacted] Weight [redacted] Eyes [redacted] Hair - [redacted] Build - [redacted] Complexion [redacted] Marital Status [redacted] Occupation [redacted] Father -

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[redacted] Mother [redacted] Education - Hampton Institute, Virginia, Columbia University. Admits prior labor picketing [redacted] for labor unions, New York, New York.

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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on June 8, 1961. He said that both of these individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5 of the Mississippi Code. Both entered pleas of not guilty. Both were convicted and sentenced to 4 months in jail, 60 days of the jail sentence suspended, and fined $200.

PIERCE advised that there were no incidents during the course of the trial.

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[redacted] Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] were released on $500 cash bond each on June 8, 1961.

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On June 20, 1961, JACK TRAVIS, City Prosecuting Attorney, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the appeal bonds posted by [redacted] are returnable in County Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, Jackson, Mississippi, on the second Monday of August (8/14/61). At that time, they will be required to be in court and their cases will be set for trial.

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Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON
Date: 6/28/61

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Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961
DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT #409
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TO
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
JUNE 8, 1961

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS;
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Synopsis:

[redacted] New York State Legislature, and [redacted] arrived Jackson, Miss. via Delta Airlines Flight #409, at 9:02 a.m., 6/8/61. Both arrested by Jackson PD at Airport Terminal when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. Both charged with breach of the peace. No incidents at time of arrest. Both tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 6/8/61, and after not guilty pleaswere convicted of violation S. 2087.5, Miss. Code. Both sentenced to 4 months and fined $200. 60 days of the jail sentence was suspended. No incidents during trial. Both released on $500 cash appeal bond, 6/8/61, returnable County Court, Jackson, Miss., 8/14/61.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by the Mobile Office of the FBI on June 8, 1961 advising that [redacted] departed Montgomery, Alabama en route to Jackson, Mississippi at 7:43 a.m., June 8, 1961 via Delta Airlines Flight #409, due to arrive at Jackson, Mississippi, 9:02 a.m., June 8, 1961.

By communication dated June 6, 1961, the Bureau advised that the Department of Justice has received a telegram from [redacted] New York City, [redacted] New York State Legislature, stating that he and [redacted] New York Bar and [redacted] the New York Chapter of the NAACP, planned to leave Newark, New Jersey by plane, 6:00 p.m.,

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June 6, 1961 en route Atlanta, Georgia and Jackson, Mississippi. [redacted] states he views with alarm the unlawful interference with residents of New York by Alabama and Mississippi authorities, and he and [redacted] are going to Alabama and Mississippi to investigate the situation and give legal counsel to individuals unlawfully detained by state authorities. [redacted] are scheduled to arrive at Atlanta, Georgia, 7:43 p.m., June 6, 1961. Thereafter, they will proceed by bus to Montgomery, Alabama and on the forenoon of June 7, 1961 they plan to proceed to Jackson, Mississippi. According to [redacted] he and [redacted] plan to use all facilities available to persons traveling within the U. S.

By communication dated June 6, 1961, the Newark Office advised that [redacted] departed the Newark Airport aboard Eastern Airlines Flight #515 at 6:00 p.m., June 6, 1961, for Atlanta, Georgia.

By communication dated June 7, 1961, the Atlanta Office advised that [redacted] arrived Atlanta on Eastern Airlines Flight #515 at 7:40 p.m., June 6, 1961. They proceeded to 197½ Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, which is the office of the Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee, which was set up by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and Congress of Racial Equality.

By communication dated June 7, 1961, the Atlanta Office advised that [redacted] departed on Greyhound bus at 7:15 a.m., June 7, 1961, en route Montgomery, Alabama, due to arrive Montgomery 11:40 a.m., June 7, 1961.

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TITLE OF CASE

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961

[redacted]

GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 6:00 PM
JUNE 7, 1961

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Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961
[redacted]
GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, 6:00 PM
JUNE 7, 1961

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

[redacted] arrested by Jackson PD at Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, 6/7/61, when he failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD officer to move on. Charged with breach of the peace. No incidents at time of arrest. Tried in Jackson Municipal Court, June 8, 1961 and after not guilty plea was convicted of violation of S. 2089.5, Miss. Code. Sentenced to 4 months and jail and fined $200. 60 days of the jail sentence was suspended. No incidents during trial. [redacted] transferred to Miss. State Penitentiary, Parchman, Miss., 6/15/61.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, on June 8, 1961. He advised that [redacted] had been arrested at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on June 7, 1961 as a Freedom Rider.

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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, furnished the following information:

On June 7, 1961, Patrolman [redacted] Jackson Police Department, was on duty at the Greyhound Bus Terminal at Jackson. After the 6:00 p.m. bus had arrived from Memphis, Tennessee, [redacted] checked the waiting rooms at the bus terminal and found a white male seated at the Snack Bar in the colored waiting room. He was alone. [redacted] told the white male to move on, which the man refused to do. [redacted] then repeated his command and this individual refused saying he was not going to move until he was served. [redacted] then placed him under arrest for breach of peace and called for a patrol car to pick him up. He was taken to the Jackson City Jail. According to PIERCE the person arrested was described as follows from Jackson Police Department records:

Name	[redacted]
Jackson PD #	
Address	
Race	
Sex	
Age	
Date of birth	
Place of birth	
Height	
Weight	
Eyes	
Hair	
Complexion	
Build	
Occupation	
Father	
Mother	
Education	3 years college at University [redacted]
Prior Arrests	None admitted

After his arrest [redacted] was questioned by Detectives [redacted] He advised them he was attending the University [redacted] and had left [redacted] May 23, 1961, traveling to San Francisco, California, Denver, Colorado and

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Memphis, Tennessee. From Memphis, he traveled to Jackson, Mississippi by Greyhound bus the day of his arrest. He stated that he was not a member of the Congress of Racial Equality or the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He said he went into the colored waiting room because he believed that everyone should have the same rights and he felt that this was his duty. He stated that his father was [redacted]

PIERCE advised that there were no incidents at the time of [redacted] arrest.

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Mr. JACK TRAVIS, Jackson City Prosecuting Attorney, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] He said [redacted] had called him on June 8, 1961 and was extremely upset with [redacted] actions. He stated that he wanted [redacted] released and that money was no problem.

TRAVIS stated that he was undecided at this point as to what charges he will file against [redacted] in court but believes that he will be tried under Section 2089.5 of the Mississippi Code, which is a general breach of the peace statute, a misdemeanor and punishable by a $500 fine and 6 months in jail.

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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] was tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, at 3:00 p.m., June 8, 1961.

He stated that [redacted] was tried for violation of Section 2089.5 of the Mississippi Code, [redacted] entered a plea of not guilty through his attorney [redacted] Jackson. [redacted] was convicted and sentenced to 4 months in jail, 60 days suspended, and fined $200. According to PIERCE, [redacted] would be housed in the Jackson City Jail to assist the Sheriff in overcoming crowded facilities at the County Jail. PIERCE advised that there were no incidents during the course of the trial.

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On June 15, 1961, J. ROBERT GILFOY, Sheriff, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted] had been transferred to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on June 15, 1961.

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FREEBUS. RE PHONE CALL JACKSON RA TO BUREAU JULY TWO. FIVE FREEDOM RIDERS ARRESTED ONE TWENTYNINE PM CST JULY TWO AT TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL JACKSON, MISS., BY PD. ALL ENTERED WHITE WAITING ROOM AS GROUP. FAILED TO MOVE ON WHEN ORDERED BY PD. ALL CHARGED WITH BREACH OF THE PEACE. NO INCIDENTS. WILL PROBABLY BE TRIED JACKSON MUNICIPAL COURT JULY THREE. FOLLOWING ARE NAMES AND DATA RE FREEDOM RIDERS ARRESTED FROM PD RECORDS. [redacted]

[redacted] N.J., [redacted] DOB [redacted]

[redacted] NYC., [redacted] EYES,

[redacted] HAIR [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] MICH., [redacted] DOB [redacted]

[redacted] MICH., [redacted]

EYES, [redacted] HAIR, STUDENT, DUKE UNIVERSITY, [redacted]

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[redacted], NYC, [redacted] DOB [redacted] OREGON, [redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR, STUDENT SAN FRANCISCO COLLEGE, ARRESTED SAN FRANCISCO PD [redacted] PICKETED H.C.U.A. HEARING SAN FRANCISCO [redacted] ILL., [redacted] DOB [redacted] MASS., [redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR, STUDENT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, PICKETED WOOLWORTHS CHICAGO, SIT IN CHURCHES DEARFIELD, ILL., MEMBER CHICAGO YOUTH COMMITTEE, [redacted] CALIF., [redacted] DOB [redacted] ARKANSAS, [redacted] EYES, [redacted] HAIR, STUDENT SAN JOSE COLLEGE, SAN JOSE, CALIF., MEMBER CORE. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OB JULY TWO FIVE PM. NO FREEDOM RIDERS PRISONERS RELEASED BOND OR OTHERWISE SINCE JULY ONE SUMMARY. TOTAL ARRESTED ONE SIX NINE. RELEASED ON BOND SIXTY TWO. PAID FINE FOUR. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE. NET IN CUSTODY ONE ZERO TWO. ALL FREEDOM RIDERS PRISONERS EATING AT JACKSON CITY JAIL AND HINDS COUNTY JAIL.

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FREEBUS. RE PHONE CALL JACKSON RA TO BUREAU JULY SIX. JACKSON PD RECORDS REFLECT SIX FREEDOM RIDERS ARRESTED ELEVEN PM CST JULY FIVE AT TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL JACKSON. ALL WENT INTO WHITE WAITING ROOM OF TERMINAL, APPROACHED TICKET WINDOW AND STATED WANTED TO BUY TICKETS TO NEW ORLEANS, LA. PD OFFICER ON DUTY ORDERED THEM TO MOVE ON. WHEN THEY REFUSED HE ARRESTED THEM FOR BREACH OF THE PEACE. NO INCIDENTS. FOLLOWING IS IDENTITY THOSE ARRESTED WITH DESCRITIVE DATA AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

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TITLE OF CASE

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961
TRAILWAYS BUS # 5708
FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE,
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
6/7/61

Report made by: SA

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TRAILWAYS BUS # 5708
FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE,
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
6/7/61

Character: RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Trailways Bus departed Nashville, Tennessee, 1:10 a.m., 6/7/61, with group consisting of three Negro males, two white males, and one white female. Bus arrived Memphis, Tenn., 6/7/61, at 6:25 a.m. Above group had breakfast in white restaurant and tested other white facilities Memphis Bus Station without incident. Group departed Memphis on Trailways Bus # 5708 at 7:53 a.m., 6/7/61, and arrived Jackson, Miss., 1:12 p.m., 6/7/61. On disembarking from bus, the white female and two white males entered the colored waiting room, and the three Negro males walked into the white waiting room at Trailways Bus Station. All arrested by Jackson, Miss., Police Department without incident after no response to police order to move on. All charged with "Breach of Peace." Tried in City Court, 6/8/61. All found guilty and each sentenced to pay a fine of $200 and serve four months in jail. Sixty days of this period suspended, and all returned to Jackson City Jail.

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DETAILS:

TRAVEL NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

This investigation is predicated upon information furnished the New Orleans Division by the Memphis Office on June 6, 1961, advising that information had been received that

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a group of seven persons were scheduled to leave Nashville, Tennessee, at 1:10 a.m., June 7, 1961, en route to Memphis, Tennessee, via Trailways bus scheduled to arrive at Memphis at 6:25 a.m. on June 7, 1961, and would leave on undetermined bus for Jackson, Mississippi, as soon as possible after arrival in Memphis. The individuals were listed as follows:

[redacted]

Memphis also advised group planned to test facilities upon arrival Jackson, Mississippi, and would possibly test facilities at Memphis, Tennessee, en route.

Upon receipt of the above information, Assistant Chief of Police MEADY B. PIERCE, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department; Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi; and Sheriff J. R. GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, were notified.

The Memphis Division advised on June 7, 1961, [redacted] referred to above, would not make the trip, and that the bus was leaving Nashville, Tennessee, at 1:10 a.m., June 7, 1961, with one stop between Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee, that being Jackson, Tennessee. Memphis also advised that group would leave Memphis, Tennessee, via Trailways bus to arrive in Jackson, Mississippi, at 12:45 p.m., June 7, 1961; that five of the group purchased tickets to Jackson, Mississippi; and [redacted] purchased ticket to Mexico City, Mexico.

The Memphis Division further advised as follows on June 7, 1961:

Trailways bus which departed Nashville, Tennessee, at 1:10 a.m., June 7, 1961, arrived Trailways Bus Station, Memphis, Tennessee, at 6:25 a.m. Six so-called Freedom Riders left bus and entered white section of Trailways Bus Station. These Riders, consisting of three Negro males, two white males, and one white female, had breakfast in white restaurant and tested other white facilities without incident. Freedom Riders

departed Memphis, Tennessee, on Trailways Bus No. 5708 at 7:53 a.m., June 7, 1961, destined for Jackson, Mississippi; and arrival time at Jackson, Mississippi, is 12:45 p.m., June 7, 1961, Central Standard Time.

Upon receipt of the above information, the individuals of the law enforcement agencies previously mentioned were notified. In addition, the Sheriff's Office, Madison County, Canton, Mississippi; Chief of Police, Canton, Mississippi; and the Sheriff's Office, Holmes County, Mississippi, were notified, as bus determined scheduled to make stops at Durant, Mississippi, (Holmes County) and Canton, Mississippi, en route from Memphis, Tennessee, to Jackson, Mississippi.

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At 11:25 p.m., SA SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II., advised Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, Commissioner of Public Safety, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, at his residence, of the fact that a group of seven individuals identified as [redacted] were leaving Nashville, Tennessee, via Trailways Bus at 1:10 a.m., June 7, 1961, en route Memphis, Tennessee, where they were to arrive at 6:25 a.m. and whose plans were to proceed to Jackson, Mississippi, on the earliest bus out of Memphis after their arrival there. He was advised that these individuals planned to test the facilities at Jackson, Mississippi Bus Terminal. Colonel BIRDSONG stated that if he was made aware of the identity of the bus upon which these persons were traveling and time of departure from Memphis, Tennessee, he would detail a unit of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol to follow same to Jackson, Mississippi. He said that, as always, in the event any violence might be anticipated he would make additional units available.

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The following was observed at the Trailways Bus Depot, East Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Mississippi: b6 b7C

At 1:12 p.m., June 7, 1961, Trailways Bus # 5708 arrived at the passenger platform at Ramp No. 3. After the door was opened, approximately forty passengers got off the bus. After the passengers got off, a group consisting of two white males, one white female, and three Negro males who had been passengers on the bus stood together by the side of the open door of the bus for several minutes.

This group then walked together on the unloading platform at the terminal, east for about thirty feet to the doors there, bearing the large printed words thereon "COLORED WAITING ROOMS." The group stopped at these doors and at that time the white female and the two white males entered this door. The three Negro males of the group then continued east on the platform to the doors marked "WHITE WAITING ROOMS" and entered there.

The three white individuals then walked to about the center of the Colored Waiting Room and stood there. At that time they were approached by four uniformed officers of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department. Lt. [redacted] spoke to the group, saying, "Move on, you must move on." He then repeated this, and the group remained standing and did not move. The Officer said to the three, "You have heard the order," and the three remained standing and did not move. The Officer then stated to the three white individuals, "You are under arrest." The officers then asked the three their names, and the three then moved with the officers through the front doors of the Colored Waiting Room that open on East Pascagoula Street, and again met the three Negro males they had been with previously on the bus, who came out of the front doors of the White Waiting Room. All six of the group then entered the Police patrol wagon that was parked in front of the Trailways Bus Station.

There appeared to be about twenty-five people in the Colored Waiting Room when the three white individuals were

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in there, in addition to the police officers and what appeared to be about three newspaper men with their camera equipment.

The arresting police officers appeared to have no equipment other than the usual sidearms.

The driver of the Trailways bus was [redacted] Mississippi.

From the time the group got off the Trailways bus until the time they got into the police patrol wagon was estimated to be less than fifteen minutes.

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The following observations were made at the Trailways Bus Station, East Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on June 7, 1961:

At 1:12 p.m. Trailways Bus # 5708 arrived in loading platform # 8 from Memphis, Tennessee. Approximately forty passengers debarked from this bus following which a group of six individuals consisting of two white males, one white female, and three Negro males left the bus. These six individuals stood for a few moments at the side of the bus, following which the three Negro males walked into the White Waiting Room at the Trailways Bus Station, and the two white males and the white female walked into the Colored Waiting Room at this station. No observations were made of the actions of the three white individuals after they entered the Colored Waiting Room.

After the three Negro males had entered the White Waiting Room, they were approached by Captain [redacted] Jackson Police Department at 1:23 p.m. Captain [redacted] then said, "Move on out. You will have to move out of the station." The three Negro males did not reply and did not move from where they were then standing on the south side of the White Waiting Room. Captain [redacted] then said, "You heard my order." The three men did not reply, and Captain [redacted] then said, "You are all under arrest." Captain [redacted] then obtained the assistance of two uniformed patrolmen of the Jackson Police Department, who obtained the names of the above three men. These men were then escorted to the Jackson Police Department Paddy Wagon, which was parked at the front of the bus station, and were driven directly to the Jackson Police Department.

There were no incidents at the Trailways Station or at the Jackson Police Department in connection with this arrest.

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Assistant Chief of Police H. B. PIERCE, Jackson Police Department, advised that the following six Freedom Riders were arrested at the Trailways Bus Station, East Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:25 p.m. on June 7, 1961, for Breach of the Peace after they disembarked from Trailways Bus # 5703 at that station and will be tried in Jackson Municipal Court on June 8, 1961:

Name:
Address:

Race:
Sex:
Age:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Height:
Weight:
Eyes:
Hair:
Complexion:
Build:
Scars:
Occupation: Student, Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut

Father:

Mother:
Additional record:

Name:
Address:

Race:
Sex:
Age:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:

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Height:
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Eyes:
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Occupation: Student, Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut

Mother:

Father:
Additional record:

Name:
Address:

Sex:
Race:
Age:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Height:
Weight:
Marital status:
Complexion:
Hair:
Occupation:
Eyes:
Education: Four years college - refused to identify school

Mother:

Father:

Name:
Race:
Sex:

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Age:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Height:
Weight:
Eyes:
Complexion:
Build:
Marital status:
Scars:

[redacted]

Characteristics:
Occupation: Student, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia

Arrest record: Arrested by Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Police Department, [redacted] Admits sit-in, [redacted] Richmond, Virginia, department stores, several different times in area

Mother:

[redacted]

Father:

Name:
Race:
Sex:
Age:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Height:
Weight:
Eyes:
Complexion:
Hair:
Marital status:
Education: High school; 2 years college, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia

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Characteristics:
Scars:

Mother:

Father:

Previous record: Admits taking part in sit-in and picketing at least four times, Richmond, Virginia.

Name:
Race:
Sex:
Age:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
Height:
Weight:
Eyes:
Hair:
Complexion:
Build:
Education: High school; 4 years college, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia

Occupation:
Marital status:
Characteristics:

Scars:
Mother:

Father:

Previous record: Arrested Richmond, Virginia, Police Department,

Admits picketing, Richmond, Virginia many times, and sit-in at Richmond.

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Mr. PIERCE advised that [redacted] were arrested in the Colored Waiting Room by Lt. [redacted] and that [redacted] were arrested in the White Waiting Room by Captain [redacted]

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On June 8, 1961, Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Detective Bureau, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, advised that the following persons were tried in Jackson Municipal Court at 3:00 p.m., June 8, 1961, for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All had entered pleas of guilty through their attorney [redacted] All were convicted and sentenced the same date to pay a fine of $200, plus four months in jail; sixty days of this jail sentence was suspended. PIERCE advised there were no incidents at the trial. He stated they were all returned to the Jackson City Jail after the trial. Following are the persons who were tried and convicted on June 8, 1961:

[redacted]

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ReCairtel, 6/29/61, which enclosed letterhead memo concerning a special "Freedom Train" to come to Washington, D.C., from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 7/12/61.

Information set out in referenced letterhead memo points out that approximately 1,000 NAACP Convention delegates will come from Philadelphia to Washington to visit senators and congressmen to make it clear that "there must be action now on Civil Rights legislation."

Since this is a legitimate activity of the NAACP and the FBI's interest is concerned only with communist infiltration of the NAACP, no coverage of this delegation is contemplated by WFO.

U. S. Capitol Police and MPD, Washington, D.C., have been alerted to the estimated size of the delegation.

No further action being taken by WFO.

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